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U. S. Trade Dollar, 1877, fine	1.50	Right or left hand crystal, rare	.25	2 copper beads, Indian grave	1.00
Large heavy silver rupee, India, unc.	.75	Smoky quartz crystal, large, 250, 350, 50c.	1.00	Bell shape pestle, Toledo, Ohio	1.00
Silver 1/4 crown, Louis XV, France, 1721, fine	.75	Pretty groups crystals, paperweights	.25	Roller type pestle, Ohio, 9x9 1/2 inches	1.50
Silver rupee, Tibet, very rare, fine	.85	Slender icicle crystal, slim Jim, ea. 25c	.35	Stone spade, 1 1/2 x 3 1/2 inch, sharp bit	2.00
U. S. half dollar, over 100 years old, fine	1.00	Finest cut and pol. faceted amethyst, over 3 ct.	1.00	Roller type pestle, Arkansas, 12x2 inch	2.00
5 different foreign silver coins, fine	1.00	Finest cut and pol. faceted amethyst gem, approx. 3 ct., only	.75	Large iron spearhead, Cayuga Indian grave	1.50
New Mexican silver peso, fine	.50	Faceted citrine topaz, cut and pol. gem, large	.75	3 diff. gem obsidian Indian made spearheads	1.00
Large old silver peso, Mexico, fine	1.00	Cabachon cut and pol. amethyst, over 3 ct.	.75	Stone Ags tomahawk head, double bladed,	1.00
Large copper coin, Buenos 2 wild men	.15	Cabachon cut and pol. amethyst quartz, large	.50	3 diff. select tomahawk heads, selections given	.25
Roman silver, fine, B. C. Caesar & Anthony	2.50	Amethyst quartz crystal, Colo., uncut, 25c, 35c	.50	Very fine Caddo pestle, smooth, select	.50
Heavy silver coin, Alexander the Great, 337 B.C.	2.00	Large cut and pol. gem stone, black onyx	.50	Sioux Indian Calumet peace pipe, complete,	5.00
Canada, large copper bouquet Sou	.15	Large cut and pol. gem stone, Obsidian	.50	Quartz arrowhead, good, Pa.	1.00
Fine large silver, France, Louis XV, rare	.85	Large cut and pol. gem stone, Rose quartz	.75	4 arrowheads found near Toledo, Ohio	.25
Mari, Queen France, 1731, silver, unc., fine	.85	Large cut and pol. carved rose quartz	.75	10 bleimish Ohio arrowheads	.15
Copper, com Paul, Kruger cent, unc., 1898	.30	Cabachon cut and pol. Chalcedony gem stone	.25	10 bleimish Indiana arrowheads	.15
Lady Godiva, nude on horse, fine, 1792	1.50	Smaller chalcedony gem stone	.25	10 bleimish Missouri arrowheads	.15
Spain, silver 4 reals, fine, 1761	.20	Cut and pol. gem carnelian, beauty	.50	10 bleimish Oklahoma arrowheads	.15
U. S. Indian head cent, 1861, rare ca.s	.50	Cut and pol. gem stone, blue onyx, large	.50	10 bleimish New York arrowheads	.15
Silver English penny, Henry III, rare	.50	Cut and pol. gem stone, green onyx, large	.50	3 diff. arrowheads, good, New York	.25
Imperial Roman copper coin, rare	.30	Large gem stone cut and pol., Swiss lapis	.30	Pottery food bowl, Colorado, ancient	3.50
Heavy potin silver, Roman coin, Nero	.50	Large Mexican opal gem stone, beauty	.30	Pottery vessel, with twisted handle, Arizona, fine	6.00
Roman coin, silver Denari, B. C. fine	.75	Small Mexican opal gem stone, beauty	.30	Old Squaw pipe, Sioux, used, red stone	1.50
English large 6 pence, Elizabeth, 1575	1.50	Large Tortuga opal gem, full of fire, Mexico	.75	Sioux pottery pipe bowl, Caddo tribe, Ark.	1.25
English silver Hong Kong dollar, fine, 1897	1.50	Stone roses, Oklahoma, look like red rose turned to stone, odd, pretty, each 10c, 15c	.25	Pottery mound pipe, complete, Arkansas	2.50
Louis XV silver coin, 1769, fine	.35	Finest green garnet, cut and pol. 1 lb.	.25	Finest large calumet peace pipe Sioux tribe, beauty, red pipe stone bowl with lifelike buffalo on it all carved from one solid piece,	15.00
Venetian Matapan silver, 13th century, fine	.45	100 pounds assorted crystals, singles, groups, etc., a nice lot only \$20.00. Others ask over twice that.	.25	Slightly smaller calumet peace pipe as above.	10.00
Large silver rupee, peacock, Burma, fine	1.25	I am now operating my own mine for crystals.	.25	Few to be had. Each, \$8.00 to \$10.00	.10
Broad silver drachm, Chocoma II, Persia	.50	Sardonyx cameo, cut and pol. African Garnet, gem	.30	10 ancient old mound builders arrowheads	.20
Sigla III, Poland, 1614, large silver coin, fine	1.95	Labadite, gem stone cut and pol.	.45	slight bleimishes	.30
U. S. hard times token, Millions for Defense	.30	Pretty groups yellow calcite crystals	.25	Childs moccasins, sinew sewed, solid beaded,	3.00
Rare 101 Ranch coin, used in Indian trade, I have entire stock. While they last, etc.	.25	Slab pol. Obsidian, fine	1.00	Childs moccasins, Pawnee, 50 yrs. old, solid beaded	3.00
Foreign coin over 100 years old	.20	Slab polished moss agate, beauty	1.00	Sioux moccasins, old, part beaded	1.50
10 diff. foreign coins	.20	Slab polished onyx, fine	1.00	Sioux moccasins, old, part beaded	1.50
Old foreign coin over 100 years old	.20	Slab pretty jasper, polished	.75	Sioux moccasins, old, part beaded	1.50
Millions have died but these old coins in use centuries ago still survive. A collection of ancient coins is of great interest and may be secured very reasonably.	.25	Large blue crystal, jasper, gem stone, pol.	1.00	Cheyenne baby moccasins, solid beaded, used	2.00
Large carnelian ring money, polished, Chinese	.30	Austrian opal, cut and pol., beauty	1.00	Cheyenne baby moccasins, part beaded, used	1.50
Unc. crisp frac. currency, U. S. 50c bill	1.25	2 color agate gem, polished	.15	Saw edged arrowhead, good, rare	.15
3 different bills as above, fine	3.50	Polished tiger eye, fine	.30	Pottery disc wampum, Utah mound, rare	.15
100 reis coin, Brazil, 2 diff. designs, both	.10	Cut and polished Hematite gem stone	.30	Pottery disc wampum, Mound builders, Ark.	.15
Wanted U. S. coins, large U. S. cents, 25 pieces, 3c pieces, frac. currency, half dollars, etc. Buy or trade for. What have you?	.05	I will exchange 1 to 5 pounds quartz crystals or Arkansas green wavelite for other good minerals.	.05	Ancient flint arrowheads with shafts and feathers	1.00
Large copper cent, Canada	.05	crystals, fossils, etc. you?	.05	sinew fastened	1.00
Large 1/2 penny copper coin, Canada	.05	Wanted fossil fish, insects, trilobites, moss agates, garnets, smoky topaz, tourmaline xtls, turquoise, Utah stone, rose quartz, amethyst quartz, purple tourmaline, fossil teeth, Will buy or trade Indian relics, etc. I hold largest stock of Indian relics in the South for beginner to advanced collector and museum.	.05	Very fine long barbed war arrow head	.75
Unc. bright 2c coin, Switzerland	.05	10 odd shaped arrowheads, may be ceremonial	1.00	Very fine long notched war arrowhead	.50
3 different French coins	.10	Large iron trade, Cayuga Indian grave, probably Hudson Bay Fur Co.	5.00	Rare flaked slate spear, Ark.	.50
3 different German coins	.10	Flintlock gun lock, Indian grave, Washington	1.00	Rare flaked slate knife, Ark.	.50
5 different German coins	.20	Shoshone cure rock, Indian grave, Washington	1.00	12 Osage tribe arrowheads, good, Mo.	.48
30 different German coins	1.50	Shoshone arrowhead, rare, Utah	.25	12 Creek tribe Alabama arrowheads	.48
50 different foreign coins	2.00	Shoshone arrowhead, rare, Utah	.25	12 Choctaw tribe arrowheads, Ark.	.48
\$1.00 Confederate bill, 1864, rare, unc.	.35	Shoshone knife blade, Utah, rare	.25	Rare fine hematite plumb bbb ceremonial, Ark.	5.00
\$2.00 Confederate bill, 1864, rare, unc.	.70	Arrowhead, Lake Biwa site, Japan	.35	Who collects lead and jadeite relics? Obsidian from Mexico? I may no down to Mexico City and to Guatemala in near future. Want lists appreciated. I may pick up something for you.	.10
\$50.00 Confederate bill, 1862, rare, Unc., fine	.40	Finest bird points, perfect, assorted, 8 for 25	1.00	What do you wish in Indian relics? I may have	.10
Confederate State of Ga. 500.00 Bond, rare	1.25	Reddish jasper beauty notched bird point, perfect	.25	can furnish good reference.	.10
Confederate \$20.00 bill, 1861, Sailing vessel, rare	.50	10 good bird points, regular 15c ea., all	1.00	6 pretty chalcedony arrowheads	.48
Confederate \$10.00 bill, 1861, Woman and Anchor, rare	.35	20 good bird points, worth to 10c ea., all	1.00	6 arrowheads, Chalcedony, Sugar quartz, white quartz, quartzite, jasper and flint, all	.50
Confederate \$10.00 bill, 1861, Woman, train cars, rare	.35	3 slightly bleimish bird points	.15	3 bleimish drills	.10
Confederate \$10.00 bill, 1861, Swamp Fox, Potato dinner	.35	15 slightly bleimish bird points	.15	10 damaged bird points	.15
Confederate \$50.00 bill, 1861, rare, fine	.50	15 ancient shell beads, Washington	.25	12 ancient Virginia arrowheads, good	.48
Confederate \$10.00 bill, 1863, unc., rare, fine	.25	10 ancient shell wampum, Calif.	.10	12 ancient North Carolina arrowheads	.48
Confederate \$10.00 bill, 1862, Woman, Ships, rare	.30	25 fine Shell tube wampum, Temple mound, Okla.	.25	12 ancient South Carolina arrowheads	.48
Confederate \$20.00 bill, 1861, Ship and Sailor	.40	50 disc wampum, Temple mound, Oklahoma	.25	12 ancient Georgia arrowheads	.48
Confederate \$10.00 bill, 1861, Negro picking cotton	.40	50 fine long tube copper bead, from grave	.25	12 ancient Florida arrowheads	.48
\$10.00 Merchants and Planters Bank, Ga. 1860	.25	Arrowhead, Starved Rock Park, Ill.	.10	12 Tennessee flint arrowheads	.48
Confed. \$100.00 bill, Negroes load cotton	.75	Arrowhead, Great Temple mound, Oklahoma	.10	12 reddish jasper arrowheads	.48
Confed. \$50.00 bill, 1864, scarce	.25	Arrowhead, Toitice mound site, Ark.	.10	12 yellow and brown jasper arrowheads	.48
Confed. 1862 \$10.00 bill, 3 trains, fine	.25	Arrowhead, Mussel shoals, Alabama	.10	100 broken arrowheads, ancient	.35
Confed. \$100.00 bill, Negroes hoeing cotton	.35	Arrowhead, Temple of Sun, Mexico, rare	.25	10 bleimish Florida arrowheads	.15
Confed. \$50.00, 1861, Moneta and Chest, rare	.50	Arrowhead, Jasper, Honduras, rare	.20	10 bleimish quartzite arrowheads	.15
Confed. 50c pink bill, 1864, rare	.10	Arrowhead, Jasper, Honduras, rare	.20	10 bleimish jasper arrowheads	.15
Confed. 10c pink bill, 1864, rare	.05	Hide scraper, 10,000 years old, peat bogs, Ireland	.25	10 bleimish Sun quartz arrowheads	.15
Confed. \$25.00, \$10.00, 1864, fine, each	.15	Knife blade, crude, 10,000 years old, Ireland	.50	10 bleimish chalcedony arrowheads	.15
Confed. \$10.00, State of Ga., fine, unc., 1863	.30	Hide scraper, Tasmanian, stone extinct race	.50	10 bleimish flint arrowheads	.15
Confed. \$10.00 bill, 1861, Stephens, rare	.75	Arrowhead, Ontario, Canada	.10	10 bleimish Comanche arrowheads	.15
Confed. \$10.00 bill, pretty color, odd	.10	Chalcedony arrowhead, Sask., Canada	.25	10 bleimish quartz arrowheads	.15
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Confed. \$10.00 bill, fine	.25	Jasper hide scraper, Hat Creek, Wyo.	.10	Caddo tribe ancient pitted grain miller	.25
Confed. \$10.00 bill, fine	.25	Blood red transparent arrowhead, modern	1.00	I wish to trade Indian arrowheads, bird points, knives, pottery, beads, etc., for antique and old bottles of many kinds and shapes. No modern bottles wanted. What have you and price, etc. I will also buy or trade for old Indian peace pipes, pipe tomahawks, fine spears and other Indian relics. I have the cash to buy what I want if priced reasonable. Would just about as soon have good Indian relics as cash money anyhow.	.10
Confed. \$10.00 bill, fine	.25	Sugar quartz arrowhead, good	.10	Caddo tribe food bowl, from grave, ancient	1.75
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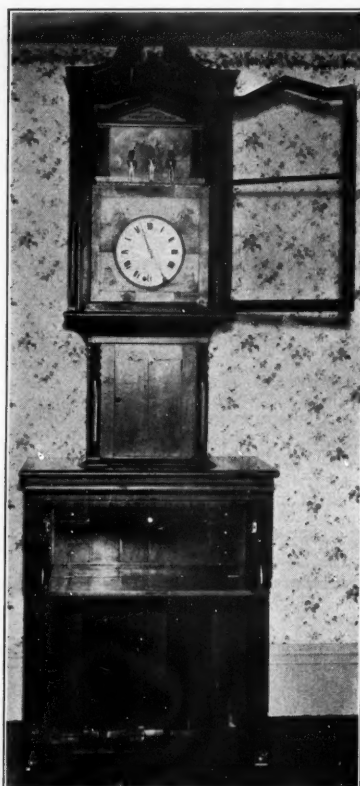
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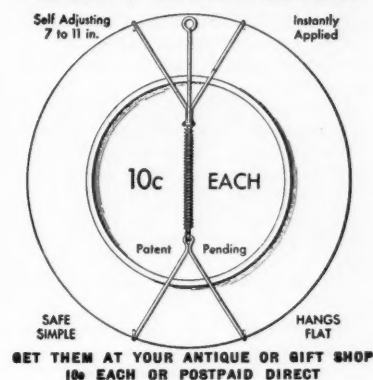
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By HUGH GRANT ROWELL

WE'RE in the great Guild Hall of HOBBIES—as wide as the span of the world, as long as from pole to pole, and as high as the sky. Some of us, masters; some, apprentices; and some interested friends occupying the gallery.

We're the Honorable Clockmakers Company of HOBBIES, worthy imitator of the great guilds of Europe where clockmaking was brought to a professional excellence. We are here, today, to let our apprentices display to the masters their works, to pass their examination, end their apprenticeship, and to be able then to set up their own shops—though our shops are our homes where we house our collections. And after the apprentices are examined and approved or rejected, then, my Masters (and including the ladies), we shall examine each others' masterpieces, discuss them, and learn from them and one another. So great, however, is our fascinating clockdom that we can but scratch the surface. So pleasing is it that there are but few who do not form our interested, and envious audience. Happily, and unlike the old days of master clockmakers, he who signifies interest may become an apprentice. And to be a master is within the reach of those who succumb to the allure. The price—mostly the time needed.

And now, in stately order, come our masters and apprentices, each to exhibit skill and knowledge. Your applause, my masters, apprentices and guests. This is indeed an occasion—this Annual Anniversary Meeting of ours. This year it is MY privilege to preside—my personal greetings to you one and all. May this meeting and your whole ensuing year bring you great joy, happiness, and all other good things.

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Horological Headaches

THERE used to be a song, "I Want a Girl, Just Like the Girl that Married Dear Old Dad." And clock collectors have their own version running "I Want a Clock, Just Like the Clock, that Johnny J. Jones (or supply your own name) Has." Accordingly, if either Johnny J. Jones (the John Doe of Clock Collectors) has an example of Dingbat's Patent Walking and Talking Timepiece, or if our beloved and respected Wallace Nutting or any lesser exponent of photographic horology has pictured such a clock in his book, the price for the said article, hitherto gathering dust and no interest with a price tag of

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Rowell, noted clock expert, acts upon request as "master of ceremonies" for this special clock number.

five dollars (probably its true worth) the ante is upped ceilingward. I was, not long ago, invited to pay over a hundred dollars for a "ticker" which I myself evaluated liberally at a five dollar bill, if I really wanted the thing. Granted competition is the life of prices, the above beautification of a certain type of clock merely enrages me, for the other clock collectors, if I already possess one—or grieves me deeply that I have found one myself and neither my disposition, sense of value nor purse permit me to add the item to my collection.

Since headaches require remedy, you have only one way of treatment—"leave it lie." Don't argue with the owner, whether layman or dealer. Pay up or shut up. In fact some self-appointed expert may have aided the owner in pricing, humans being what they are—and all of us having a flair for talking big, if it costs us nothing.

Second and allied headache to the "glorification" trouble, is soon acquired by the collector or dealer who is known to "know." The man to whom I credit any knowledge I may have of clocks told me years ago that he had to bid at auctions through a third party and that he hardly dared look more than casually at any timepiece offered or the seller would become frightened and withdraw the article. Reason—if such a collector even showed interest, the piece must be better than anticipated. In my own case, I took a little more than a casual look at a very common type of grandfather's clock at a private estate sale. Next day, returning for something else I asked casually about the clock. Well, I was informed, I had been seen looking it over and the family had decided to keep it. In another case, a dealer "took a dive" at another clock because the family told the tale that I had looked it over. I had—as a favor to the family—valued it about what they expected—and the dealer paid thrice that on the hunch I had smoked up something.

Aspirin won't help you with this but you better learn to rationalize and remember you haven't room for all the clocks in the world, even if there were no other collectors.

A third headache is the "broad A" owner or dealer. High hat, don't you know. Nothing is finer than an in-

teresting story of a clock and its good points (also bad ones) including maker. BUT—you and I are intelligent people. Our money is good. And if we aren't willing to buy a clock "as is" because we like it—should we, I ask, buy it at all. A Silas B. Terry clock is a Terry but the Terry we usually mean and seek is "Eli," unless we specifically are after Silas B., the crinkly-brained gadget-clock maker. But, says the owner, "It's a Terry." And his voice hints at our ignorance and his own superior knowledge. Incidentally I make it a positive rule to follow no lead nor visit any antique or clock shop advertising any article as "Important." I expect to buck too many raised eyebrows and long prices. And there are plenty of regular fellows whose store fronts are not so glorious with whom I have a grand time and who give me good stuff and fair prices.

Headache Four is wilful and amateurish misrepresentation. Your protection is never buy without close examination unless you are prepared to buy "as is." I have had troubles, in the case of standard Terry clocks, for example, I would be offered "A Terry Clock." On asking if it was by Eli himself, Eli and Son, or one of the other perfectly good makers, I am assured it is by "Eli himself." But, on shipment for examination, it is usually "Eli and Sons." Why the confusion? Merely because the label inside states "Patented by Eli Terry, manufactured by Eli Terry and Son." Another trouble is telling whether the clock is thirty hour or eight day. The real way to find out is to run it. Certain movements can be analyzed by the expert eye. Certain types of clocks characteristically have one running period or the other. But there are always exceptions. Since thirty hour clocks usually are not as valuable as eight day ones (again with exceptions), the running period involves your pocketbook. The wooden works by Chauncey Boardman are as big as a house and groan like a man with the gout—but they only run thirty hours all the same. Size doesn't tell all. And all of us can't sit down and figure out the time train.

Other misrepresentation covers condition of the case, glass and works, also whether the hands are original or were supplied as a repair in the fifties or later. Crude "marrying" of clocks can be detected easily. On the other hand, I see no sin in taking two wrecks of similar clocks from the same factory and getting one good one out of them—for the cases, works, and all came from the same supply bins. On imported

grandfather clocks it is well to check as to whether the works have had a treatment parallel to the old idea of putting sawdust in certain parts of a used car to make it run briefly till sold. Likewise, if buying for anything but time-keeping, it is well, in a grandfather clock, or any clock having brass works, to determine (as from stamping on the plates) whether you have the original works or later ones. It's embarrassing to have your dial show a maker of about 1780 and find a set of works by a modern factory—if you are a collector. Perhaps this is the point to decry the assassination of pretty good old clocks by throwing away the original works and putting in modern brass or electrical ones. I saw a fine acorn clock diminished to one fifth of its value by this trick—and I wanted an acorn clock and still do.

The only answers to misrepresentations are these:

1. Buy always—if you care anything about it—with the right of ex-

amination and return, at owner's risk. Otherwise, if you buy as is, or play David Harum, get a laugh out of the trimming, if any, and maybe you get your money's worth at that. "Horses that stand without hitching" can be found among clocks.

2. Unless an expert yourself, buy no expensive clock except from a dealer whose guarantee means something or after examination by your own expert. My best grandfather clock was purchased from a very good friend after my own expert had examined it closely, told me it was a fine clock and given me a general estimate as to the cost of putting it in shape. I have always had great satisfaction from that clock.

Headache Five is shipping. Whenever possible, on a scouting trip, I pack up clock myself and bring it back with me. Comparatively few people know how to pack a clock. And packages take plenty of mauling in transit. One of my best clocks has never been right since it was shipped

to me, arriving with case in bad shape and some damage to the works. True, the common carrier paid for repairs. But the clock, even after the most expert work, has never run right. The mechanism is complicated—and the damage cannot be found. Legally the common carrier made good and it cost them enough.

Headache Six is the rejuvenators. Some work on clock cases. Others express themselves in the works. The original patina is destroyed and mirror-like varnish substituted. The works are bedeviled in devious ways, the star performance to my knowledge being changing the time train of a very rare clock with wooden works to another type which was later. The original works struck one, regardless of the hour. The "monkey gland" clock repairer put in an account wheel. I believe firmly a clock collector should rarely buy his clock except in the rough and should supervise any work on it barring the occasional instance where a real authority on old clocks is making the repairs. There is more danger of doing too much to old clocks than too little. None of this applies if you buy for time-keeping and ornamental purposes only. One of my best sources of clocks, a man who is both dealer and personal friend, tells me about his latest arrivals and gives me a chance at them before he has them put in shape "for the carriage trade." It is only fair to add that any repairs made on old clock cases or old clock works take time. Sometimes even six months is not unreasonable. I've worked longer than that myself getting certain clocks going—their troubles sometimes paralleling those of the obscure medical case requiring test after test and all sorts of things before the difficulty is traced to its cause. Likewise, in many instances, a fair price for the work may seem high. But putting old clocks into shape requires a type of technical knowledge rarely available now (when most so-called repairers are actually modern watch repairers and where old clocks make less profit and more complaints). Parts often have to be handmade. Supplies are surprisingly costly for what they seem to be worth. It is for this reason, of course, that advanced collectors often do their own work as far as possible—always, however, having a REAL expert when needed. I myself do not like works buffed and shined up. I don't like them taken down unless absolutely necessary. The naphtha bath and oiling with high-grade clock oil (I use La Perle) leaves you a set of works with an antique finish—and they will still run, if you want it.

Seven is a lucky number—and, in spite of a long list of other headaches available, seven it shall be in



From the collection of J. E. Coleman, Tennessee.

Illustrating labels from approximately fifty early American clocks.

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The Romance and History of Time

"Time flies," you say?
Ah, no! Man goes; time stays.

Contributed by the Elgin National Watch Co.

THIS is a story of the history of Time—the absorbing romance of eternal seconds and minutes, hours and years—a subject fascinating and mysterious.

"Time," it is truly said, "waits on no man."

Wheels of commerce move on Time; tons of steel thunder along shining rails, the engineer's hand on the throttle, his faculties tuned to Time. One minute too fast, or slow, may spell disaster. Airmen, steamer pilots, bargemen, all time their speed. Cogs of business mesh on Time, whistles sound, doors open, wheels turn. Workmen tuned to Time, move swiftly, precisely, finishing their product on exact schedule—our comforts, amenities, luxuries, necessities, are available through split-second timing.

Hobbies are the very essence of Time—a medium through which we express ourselves in leisure moments. Some hobbies even challenge us to turn back the pages of Time, to search dusty tomes in quest of cherished coins, stamps, and autographs.

Life buds, blooms, matures, withers, while Time looks on, friend or foe for the choosing. World battles have been lost, great emperors overthrown, mighty kingdoms destroyed, and countless tragedies of smaller moment brought about by plans and actions mis-timed.

How important the fleet seconds measuring heartbeat and breath! How significant, the invisible masonry from which the ages are built! A vital theme, indeed, and one deserving of serious contemplation and so

that you may know more of this ever-present recorder of great events and small, we tell you more of the history of Time.

Long ages ago, long before the dawn of history, some forgotten cave man decided that he wanted to keep track of Time. He knew, of course, the two great divisions of Time—Night and Day—and it is quite possible that he realized that the seasons followed in some sort of orderly manner. He wanted, however, to keep track of smaller portions of Time—and his desire led him to construct, so the story goes, the first clock. It was merely a length of grass rope, dampened and knotted at even intervals. He set fire to one end. When the creeping spark reached the first knot, he knew that a certain amount of Time had passed. When it reached the second knot he knew that another portion of Time, roughly equal to the first, had elapsed.

Another primitive time-piece, the water clock, still used by Malay boatmen, is credited to Hwang-Ti, emperor of China in 2656 B. C. His clock told Time as water rose in a leaky coconut shell, afloat in a basin.

The ancient Babylonians, perhaps a thousand years before Hwang-Ti's time, knew much about astronomy—they had noted the irregularity of the sun's motion and they were aware of the cycles of the various planets. They had divided the day into 24 hours and some scholars credit them with dividing the hours into minutes. What would seem to be the most simple and obvious of clocks, however, did not appear until long after their time. The first record of a sun dial to be found anywhere is in the Old Testament—and this sun dial was built in about the 8th century, B. C.

The Clepsammia or sand glass—the device associated with the scythe as a symbol of Father Time—made its appearance some time before the 4th century B. C. and retained its popularity for many centuries. Charlemagne had one so huge that it needed turning but once in twelve hours. Charlemagne also had a water clock, so ingenious in mechanism that it was one of the wonders of the age.

King Alfred of England is credited with the invention—or at least the use—of a candle clock in about 800 A. D. A candle was marked with equal divisions and the passage of Time was noted as the flame reached the marks. Draughts made the clock



THE FIRST WATCH. The first really portable clock—or "watch" as it soon became known—is accredited to Peter Henlein, a young locksmith of Nuremberg. It was spring driven, half a foot high, made entirely of iron.

keep uncertain Time, so the ingenious King invented a shelter of translucent horn for the flame—a primitive lamp chimney.

About the time that Columbus was engaged in discovering America an oil lamp clock was evolved. The burning oil was kept in a glass reservoir and the lowering level of the oil marked the passage of Time. Not many years after, some one evolved a water clock that told Time with a dial. Water escaping from a reservoir permitted a float to descend. The lowering float also lowered a chain which, in turn, moved a single hand about a dial.

Clocks, somewhat as we know them, began to appear in the middle ages. The first clock employing wheels or gears appeared in 849 A. D.—evidence concerning these clocks is rather vague. Sometime in the 11th century A. D., according to the belief of some historian, clocks with wheels and weights were employed. A monk named Peter Lightfoot built a clock which one historian (Britten) calls "the earliest real clock worthy of our modern definition" in 1335. It was installed in Glastonbury Abbey, England, and it is now preserved in the Science Museum in South Kensington. Lightfoot's clock had a "verge and balance" escapement but it was redesigned, after his time, to employ a pendulum. Only a few years later



NUREMBERG EGG. So called from its clumsy, bulky, oval shape, it was first produced about 1550 A. D.

(1364 A. D.) one Henry deVick built a clock for Charles V of France. The fourth hour appeared as "IIII" instead of "IV" due to Charles' whim—and the practice is very frequently employed in clock dial designing today.

After Lightfoot and deVick, many ingenious mechanics turned their hands to clock making. The famous Olmutz clock in Olmutz was built in 1420—and rebuilt in 1898. It not only told Time but displayed a variety of mechanical figures. Numerous dials showed solar Time, sidereal Time and details of the calendar and zodiac. Another famous clock was built in Strassburg, Alsace-Lorraine, in 1352. Parts of this clock and of a second clock built in 1547 A. D. are still in existence. This clock also employed mechanical figures.

Sometime in this somewhat dim period of the world's history clock springs appeared. The fusee was the first successful attempt to regulate the power of the spring. This appeared in the early part of the 16th century. In the later part of that century, however, Galileo watched a lamp swing in the cathedral at Pisa and discovered the isochronism of the pendulum. Half a century later he employed the principle in the construction of a clock. Pendulum clocks became popular and were certainly far more accurate than those which preceded them. Watches became really practical from about 1661, when Dr. Robert Hooke of England invented the hair spring as a means of applying the pendulum principle to pocket Time pieces.

Time can be told by the sun—the interval between two appearances of the sun in the same spot in the heavens being a day. But this day varies in length because the earth's path around the sun is elliptical. Astronomers, therefore, tell Time with the aid of so-called Fixed Stars—stars so far away that they have no apprec-



THE SUNDIAL. The Bible contains early mention of this timekeeping device which was probably built early in the Eighth Century.



THE KEYLESS RING WATCH. Instead of a key, a circle surrounding the dial carried a projecting hook. Drawing this around the dial wound the tiny timepiece.

iable motion in relation to the earth and so may be used as fixed points of reference in determining the interval between successive rotations of the earth. Time so told is sidereal time—the sidereal day is about four minutes shorter than the solar day usually employed.

Astronomers can predict the position of these stars for any day, date and time, and the U. S. Almanac Office at Washington each year predicts the Time at which 800 of these fixed stars will pass the meridian—the great circle of the heavens. Time is told from this greatest of all clocks in several observatories throughout the world. One of these is the Elgin Observatory at Elgin, Ill., connected with the Elgin National Watch plant there—the world's largest factory. There scientists, master craftsmen and astronomers form the perfect partnership that literally "bottles" Time from the stars. Astronomers at Elgin each night observe the time at which 16 stars make this passage. The difference between the predicted Time and the observed Time is the error of the clock employed. Each star is observed in 10 positions—equal intervals before and after it passes the meridian—to minimize the possibility of error. Further to minimize error, the correction of the clock is from all of the observations made of all of the 16 stars. The stars are observed through a transit telescope, permanently fixed on the meridian and mounted on a concrete shaft, with its foundations deep in the earth to protect it from vibration.

Two master clocks serve the astronomers. That upon which their calculations are based keeps sidereal time, which is more convenient for astronomical calculations. The Time

supplied to the factory is solar Time. The two clocks are mounted on concrete pillars to protect them from vibration and are kept in vaults at a temperature which does not vary by more than a small fraction of a degree. Both are pendulum clocks and both operate in partial vacuums. The sidereal clock is adjusted only once in about two years when it is opened for oiling, but minute account of its error is kept. The solar clock, however, is adjusted following the observations each day, by adjusting the pressure of the thin atmosphere in which it operates. A change of one millimeter in pressure will slow or speed the clock about 18/1000th of a second per day.

The solar clock controls an electric circuit which sends out a click every second—with the 59th second missing. This correct-to-the-second time is utilized in the Elgin factory for the adjustment of watches and also controls clocks at various points. "Correct-to-the-second, however, is very much an under-statement. Astronomers rarely concern themselves with periods of Time as long as a second. In the observatory's equipment is a radio transmitter, by the aid of which the astronomers are able to swap the results of observations with the astronomers at the observatories at Arlington, Paris, Nauen and elsewhere. The observers rarely agree—they might disagree, on occasion, by as much as four one-hundredths of a second. But four one-hundredths of a second is a sizeable amount of Time to an astronomer.



THE WATER CLOCK. This device in its simplest form—a pierced coconut shell floating in a bowl of water—is used on Malay boats to this day.

TIMEPIECES of Other Centuries

By DR. C. F. NOE

TICKLESS watches—timekeepers of unfailing accuracy—admirable productions of master craftsmen—all this, and more, are the ingenious devices which were the predecessors of our present day watches. The sundial, an invention of the dim past, for ages constituted the most reliable means for telling the time of the day. The ancient Romans and Egyptians had constructed dials sufficiently small and compact to be readily portable as evidenced by the finding of small bronze sundials in excavations in their respective countries.

Following the period of these people all evidence of the use of portable dials disappears until we reach the time of the Renaissance when such timepieces were again produced and during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries they seem to have been in general use. As is customary with the watches of today they were made simple, plain and cheap for the man of small means, and highly elaborate, ornate and of precious material for those able to pay.

It was essential for the correct use of the instrument to know the directions of north and south and consequently most of them were equipped with a compass, and if of the more elaborate class, had also a moon dial

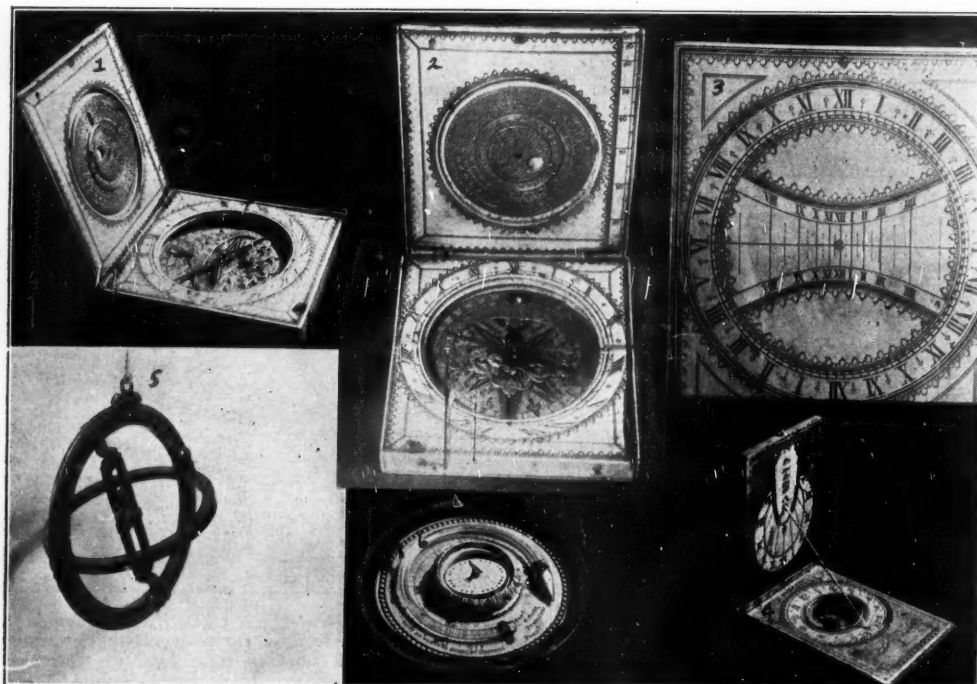
to determine the time of the night. The material of which most of these dials were constructed was wood in the cheaper ones and brass, ivory, pewter and silver in the more valuable ones. Their convenient size, artistic qualities and scientific interest make them ideal objects for the collector and their scarcity only adds to the pleasure of acquisition and possession.

Wheel clocks and watches were produced as early as the sixteenth century but they were such unreliable timekeepers that until the beginning of the nineteenth century pocket sundials were preferred by the people and the various kinds offered by their makers made them accessible to all walks of life.

The accompanying illustrations portray several representative specimens. Figure 1 shows one of the finer and more elaborate types made of ivory and dating from the seventeenth century. The central compartment contains the compass and also a movable and ornamented sector of pewter carrying the figures 1 to 12. This sector is shifted backwards and forwards through rotation of a silver disc on the under outer surface of the body of the instrument. This disc has engraved on it the calendar

months of the year and when the disc is rotated so as to bring the current month in apposition to a pointing hand the pewter sector is shifted to the proper position of the dial. On the inside of the lid (Fig. 2) are three superimposed dials of pewter which constitute a device for computing the time of the night from the shadow thrown on the sundial by the moon rays, a rather complicated apparatus, a description of which would be far too voluminous for this article. At the side of the moon dial appears a vertical scale which carries the figures 10 to 80, representing the latitudes in which the instrument is to be used. A pointer which can be raised out of a slit in the ivory is pointed at the figure representing the latitude of the observer thus insuring the proper position for the gnomon, as the thread or pin throwing the shadow is called. On the outer side of the lid is another dial (Fig. 3) which can be used without consideration of latitude or calendar. This instrument is of French origin and carries the name "Charles Bloud Le Jeune, Dieppe."

A similar instrument made of wood, though far less complicated, is shown in Fig. 4. The central compartment contains the compass and



Timepieces
of other
ages

a silk thread constitutes the gnomon. In the lid is a vertical row of perforations with figures indicating the latitude and the silk thread can be changed from one hole to another according to the latitude of the observer. On the outside of the cover is a table giving the latitudes of the principal cities of Europe and as the names of the cities are in German we can infer the instrument was made in Germany.

An entirely different type is shown in Fig. 5. It is a so-called Universal Sun Ring consisting of a pair of interlocking brass rings, one of which can be turned on two pivotal points to a position at right angles to the other. The center is occupied by a rotating slide which has a very fine aperture through which a ray of sunlight is allowed to fall on the dial figures on the ring. On the outer section of the ring, which is double, is a scale of latitudes and a marker on the inner section can be rotated to the proper latitude. On the remaining space on the ring are engraved the names of the larger European cities with their latitudes and as these names appear in German we can assume that this instrument also is of German origin. Its period is about 1700.

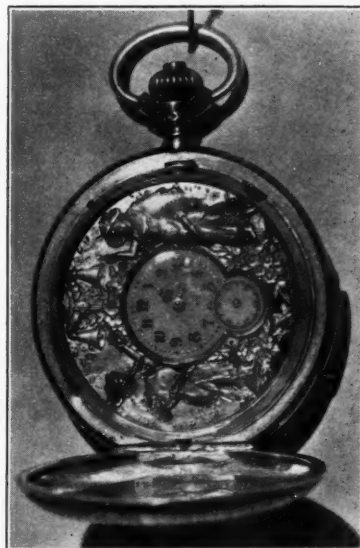
Figure 6 shows a compact little dial of ivory in a leather case. It has the customary compass in the central compartment in which the needle also forms the gnomon for the sundial. Curved around the dial is a mercury thermometer. The period is probably early nineteenth century.

The manufacture of these interesting instruments centered in Nuremberg, Germany, although France also contributed a certain proportion, one in the author's collection bearing the imprint of a Dieppe craftsman, as mentioned before. In sixteenth century literature we read of the guild of "Nuremberg Compass Makers" and in an advertisement of the year 1763 by Bohn of Hamburg we find the following: "The craftsmen of Nuremberg construct dials of many hundred varieties, of brass, ivory, wood and other materials, some in the flat rectangular boxes of ivory known as Nuremberg Compasses, with figures and characters in black or red and very handy to carry in your bag on your travels. Others are held suspended in the hand and turned towards the sun, such as the Sun Rings, of which many are carried to the markets by the Nurembergers."

This article describes only a few of the existing types of portable sundials. They form a most fascinating field for the collector, and especially those who are fortunate enough to make an occasional trip to Europe will derive much pleasure from acquiring such specimens as may fall

into their hands, sometimes at astonishingly low prices.

An extensive literature on sundials exists in Europe, although in America this interesting field is scarcely touched owing to the rarity of these little instruments in this country. Further development of this fascinating branch of collecting is certain as they become better known and more and more appreciated by collectors.



An Unusual Repeating Watch

The watch illustrated above belongs to Dr. Roy S. Horton, Past President of the Southern California Arms Collectors' Association. The face is unusual, the figures and the bells being raised, and when it strikes the hours and quarters the hands on the figures appear to strike the bells hanging from the top. The bells and the background are in white gold, the wreath around the dial is yellow gold and green gold. The figures of the two women are in copper gold and the base of the face is in black gold. The case is engraved silver.

On the inside of the case the following inscription is found:
Remontoir Levées Visibles
Repetition Ligne Droite, 17 Rubis
Ancre Spiral Breguet

Time-ly Notes

Another interesting phase of the timepiece hobby is collecting old watch dials. We have recently seen a picture of the collection of Mrs. Kent V. Gay, a Missouri collector, which shows a great variety of specimens, and undoubtedly much patience in collecting.

We are also indebted to Irwin T. Henshaw, Buzzard's Bay, Mass., for timepiece material submitted for this issue. Mr. Henshaw's illustrations

and description pertaining thereto included:

A little lantern clock, made by Wille Creak, London, about 1740. It is only eight inches high and the dial is but five inches in diameter. It has the crown wheel and verge escapement.

Another picture shows a sand glass used on ships in connection with the log to show the speed of the ship. It takes just 14 seconds for the sand to run. A half hour glass is also described.

A lamp is marked "Time and Light." The glass cylinder which holds the oil is marked with the hours through the night. The lamp was filled to the number indicating the time the lamp was lighted and as the oil burned down the time was shown through the night.

One clock made by David Wood of Newburyport, Mass., has a mahogany case inlaid with light colored wood. The works are much like those of a banjo clock but with a shorter and lighter pendulum.

Did you ever see a clock comparable to this description? Both case and movement, although well made, are crude. All parts of the works but the wheels are made of iron. The wheels are brass. The octagonal face is iron with a pewter ring for the numbers and brass ornament in the center. It has but one hand and runs eight days. There is no striking mechanism but it has an alarm. The people who formerly owned it said it was made in 1650, but that is probably too early as it has an anchor escapement. Around 1700 would probably be more correct. In spite of its age it runs well. Mr. Henshaw wonders what HOBBIES readers' reaction will be to this description. Did you ever see a similar specimen in your timepiece quests?

An interesting picture released by the "American Society for the Hard of Hearing," shows a very young girl seated before an old mantel clock listening to its intriguing tick-tock.

THE HONORABLE CLOCKMAKERS

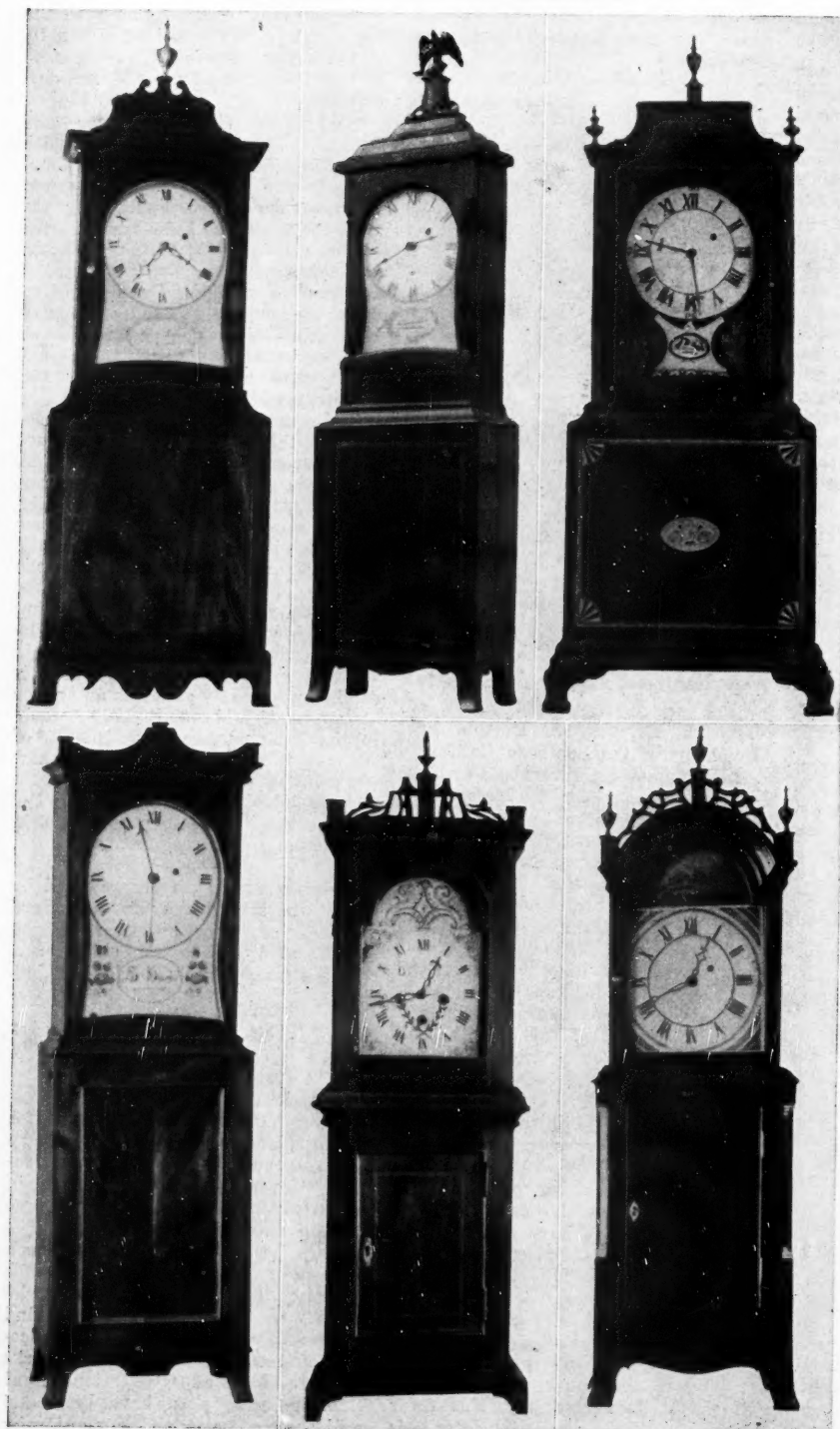
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this article, and no more—nor is a literary effort describing gloom a proper place to enumerate the thousand and one joys and the inexpensiveness (if you desire it) of interest in and collecting of old clocks (or unique modern ones for that matter). The seventh headache shall be this—each and every other collector who finds the clock I have been wanting, who outbids me in a clock we both find and want, or who has a better collection and more knowledge of clocks than I. May all woes attend him! Such persons, alas, have been and still are too numerous to mention by name.

MANTEL CLOCKS

WILLARD STYLE

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Mantel Clocks: Willard Style.

THESE clocks are often referred to as "Massachusetts shelf clocks" for the reason that they were chiefly made in that State, and also in order to distinguish them from the Terry style mantel clocks made in Connecticut; but as Simon and Aaron Willard were apparently the first to make the type of clocks here shown, it seems better to refer to them as mantel clocks in the "Willard style."

It is said that these clocks were made to stand on a shelf, as were the Terry clocks (see page opposite); but as shelves are now seldom used and as the clocks are almost always placed on a mantel, or sometimes on a table, they are here referred to as "mantel clocks." They were also known as "half clocks" at the time they were made.

These clocks are doubtless a development from the earlier wall clocks of Simon and Aaron Willard in which the upper portion was made almost as a separate piece, with feet resting upon a base in which the pendulum swung.

In many of these Willard style clocks, the dial plate and door are in a form commonly known as "kidney-shaped," because of a supposed resemblance to that organ. This form may have been copied from some of the French mantel clocks. This form was also occasionally used in English mantel clocks.

The round dial on these clocks is often concave, and if so is sometimes called a "dish" dial.

Some of these clocks have a door in the base, but generally the base has no door and is ornamented with a simple inlay or a painted design. Sometimes both the upper portion and the base were decorated with paintings on glass.

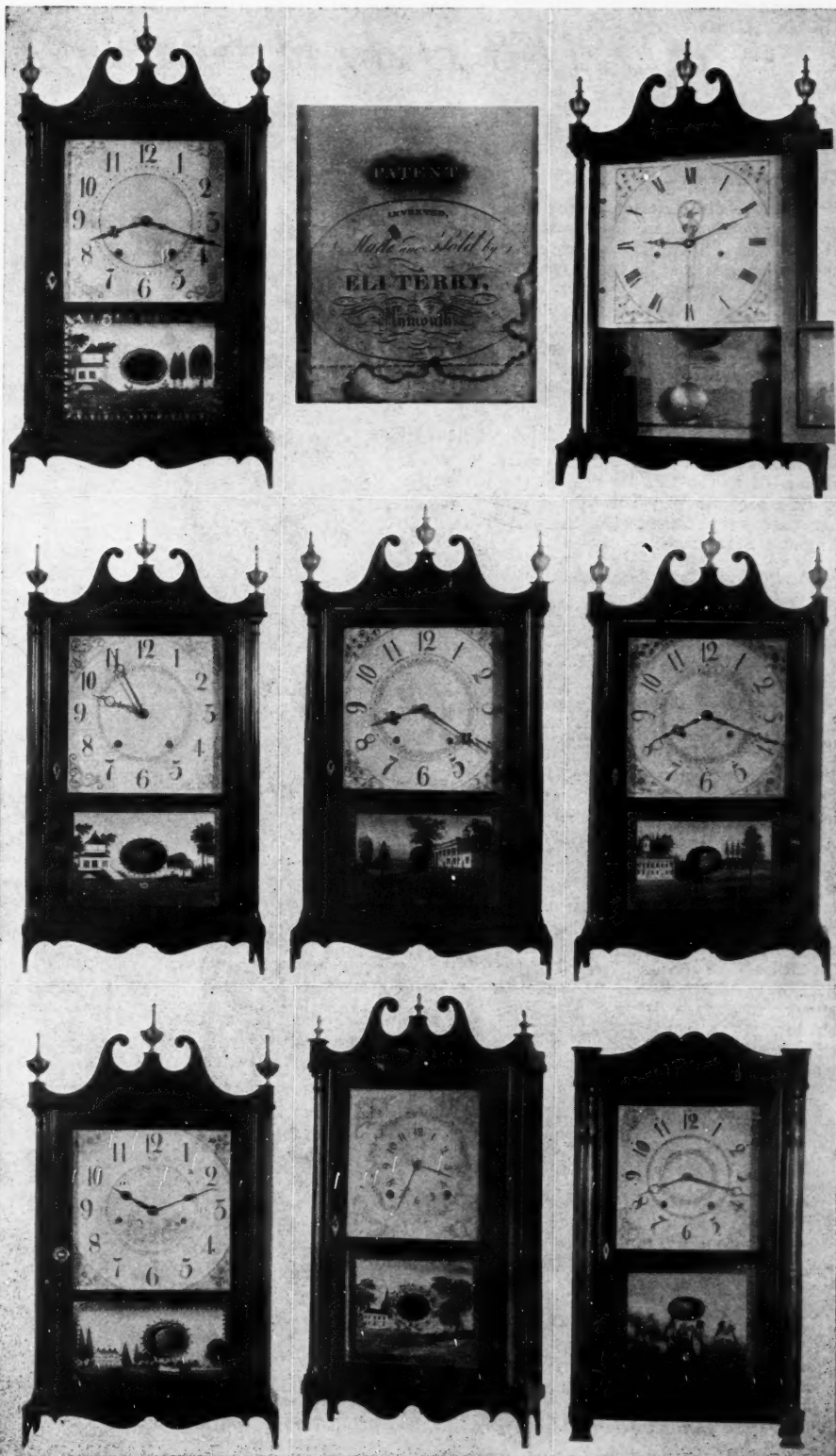
Most of these clocks are from thirty to thirty-six inches in height. All of them were apparently made within the period of about 1780 to

1830. The cases are generally of mahogany.

The question is sometimes asked "What became of the large number of clocks made by the Willards and other makers during a long period of years." As expressed by Mrs. N. H. Moore in her book "The Old Clock Book," page 104, the mystery is "where different kinds of clocks were made by the thousands have disappeared to." As to these Willard style mantel clocks, which in the old days were placed on a shelf, the answer probably is that they "were always getting knocked off and getting smashed," as said by John Ware Willard in his book "Simon Willard and His Clocks," page 13.

TERRY STYLE

The number of mantel clocks made by Eli Terry and his firm and family probably exceeds the combined total of all other antique mantel clocks made in our country. For many years they were lightly esteemed, but at the present time they are regarded as interesting, even if not very valuable examples of the progress of clock making in America. They were especially for the farm house and the small dwelling, and being made in quantity, and generally with wooden works instead of brass ones, they were sold for a sum which placed them within the reach of persons who could not pay the price for the more elegant clocks of the Willards and other makers. Whether made by Terry himself or by members of his family, or copied by other makers, especially by Seth Thomas who purchased the right to do so, the "Terry style clocks" continued to be the favorite clocks of the people at large until the new era of machine made American clocks with sheet brass works began about the year 1837.



Mantel Clocks:

Terry Styles.

Albert Partridge, secretary of the "Clock Club," in Boston, stated at a meeting of the Club held on March 17, 1934, that the records of the Pa-

tent Office in Washington show that Eli Terry secured seven patents for improvements in his clocks between the years of 1797-1826.

"30 DAYS HATH SEPTEMBER"

By WADE POSTON, JR.

Courtesy Journal of Calendar Reform

THERE exists, perhaps, no more vigorous denunciation of the Gregorian calendar than the mnemonic devices which have grown up with it and which are necessary in remembering the lengths of the various months. They constitute a spontaneous manifestation of disorder, which is not the effort of scholars or mathematicians, but of ordinary citizens trying to contend with an inadequate calendar system.

Almost all English-speaking peoples are familiar with the following rhyme—if not in this version, in one of its many others. The lines given here are very common in the New England States:

*Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November;
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting February alone,
Which hath but twenty-eight,
in fine,
Till leap year gives it twenty-nine.*

In much of the rest of the United States, especially in the southern parts, the poem concludes: "Which hath but twenty-four and four, till leap year gives it one day more."

The origin of the verse is lost in antiquity. It is at least as old as the Gregorian calendar, and probably much older. The year 1572 marks its first appearance in English literature, when Richard Grafton included it in his *Little Treatise*, an almanac of the period, under the title, "A Rule to knowe How Many Days Every Moneth in the Yere Hath." Grafton's version, containing no reference to leap year, ran as follows:

*Thirty dayes hath Nouember,
Aprill, Iune & September.
February hath xxviij alone,
And all the rest haue xxxi.*

Only two copies of the original work still survive, one in the Henry E. Huntington library, the other in the British Museum. The reproduction which accompanies this article was taken from the latter copy.

William Harrison, in his *Description of Britain*, prefixed to Holinshed's *Chronicle* of 1577, also gives Grafton's version of the rhyme and states that it is a translation of the following Latin hexameters:

*Iunius, Aprilis, Septemq, No-
uemq; tricenoe,
Vnum plus reliqui, Februs tenet
octo vicenos,
At si bissextus fuerit superad-
ditur vnus.*

The last line ("But if it is double-sixed, one is added") refers to the Latin bissextile year of 366 days, which came every fourth year, and was equivalent to the present leap year. Another English jingle on a similar subject, now most frequently heard in high school Latin classes, may also have had a classic predecessor:

*In March, July, October, May,
The Ides are on the fifteenth day,
The Nones the seventh; all other
months besides
Have two days less for Nones
and Ides.*

In English, no mention was made of leap year until 1606, when in the *Return from Parnassus*, we find.

*Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November;
February eight-and-twenty all
alone,
And all the rest have thirty-one:
Unless that leap-year doth combine,
And give to February twenty-nine.*

It was in this version, also, that "September" first appeared in the initial line and "November" was rhymed with it in the second, as is now common practice. Apparently, some editions of the same book carried an alternative rhyme:

*February has twenty-eight alone,
All the rest have thirty-one;
Excepting leap year—that's the
time
When February's days are twenty-
nine.*

Except for the final lines, present-day English modifications of the rhyme are much alike, aside from one which is current in Chester County, Pennsylvania, among the Friends. It is of unknown origin:

*Fourth, eleventh, ninth, and sixth,
Thirty days to each affix;
Every other thirty-one,
Except the second month alone.*

Other lands, beyond England and the United States, are by no means exempt from the troubles of the Gregorian calendar, and in each we find some attempt to solve the problem.

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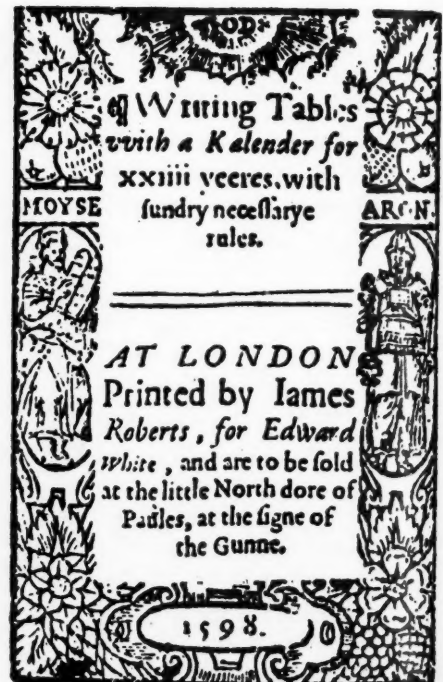
A Rule to knowe all the Vi- giles & fasting dayes thorough- out the whole yere.

*With moueable Feastes, I will begynne
As Easter, Ascension, & Whitsun Euen,
The Rogacion weke, in like case
Must bee kepte, as it cometh in place.
And the Apostles, as Peter & Paule
Iames, Matthe, with other mo.
Andreu, Mattheu & the rest as they fall
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A RVLE TO KNOWE how many days euery Moneth inthe yere hath,

*Thirty dayes hath Nouember,
Aprill, Iune & September.
February hath xxviij. alone,
And all the rest haue xxxi.*

Two of the earliest appearances of calendar mnemonics in English literature.



CURIOUS SHELF CLOCKS

By C. D. COLLINS

Owner of "The Old Clock Museum" in New Hampshire

THE number one clock under this heading, could well be called the double deck gothic, known among collectors as "The Wagon Spring Clock." This clock derives its name from the spring that furnishes power to run and strike it. This spring, which looks like a section of a wagon spring, was invented, and patented by Joseph Ives, Bristol, Conn., in 1830. That Joseph Ives was a genius has a good foundation, for a number of patents were granted to him. He invented the "roller pinion," a patent which he sold to John Birge of Bristol, Conn., for a goodly sum. Birge & Fuller, Bristol, Conn., manufactured the "Wagon Spring Clock."

Another curious clock by Birge & Fuller, also in a double deck gothic case, is known as the "fusee movement." The power for this clock was furnished by coil springs attached to a conical shaped drum with grooves for the cords to run in. This was intended to "equalize" the pull of the spring. This clock was also invented by Joseph Ives.

Another Bristol clock maker, Chauncey Boardman, began making brass clocks in 1828 and used this fusee movement. I have one of these clocks in a rosewood case, gothic single steeple, that has a picture painted on the glass in the door, showing a scene in the Mexican War wherein U. S. soldiers are digging graves. This clock is a fine specimen of that period.

Under the heading of "Curious Clocks" we must add the name of A. D. Crane who invented the year clock, and the month clock. Dr. Hugh Grant Rowell, one of the outstanding authorities on "American Made Clocks," claims the Crane is the RAREST American made clock. I am inclined to agree with him. In my collection I have one of these clocks. The works are heavy brass and beautifully made. The pendulum is suspended on a fine wire, and consists of three balls, that turn, back and forth, instead of swinging, like the usual pendulum (this movement is on the clocks made in the Black

Forest of Germany, thousands of which have been sold in the U. S. The dial is glass and marked J. R. Mills & Co., New York (above the hands) and below the hands A. D. Crane's patent.

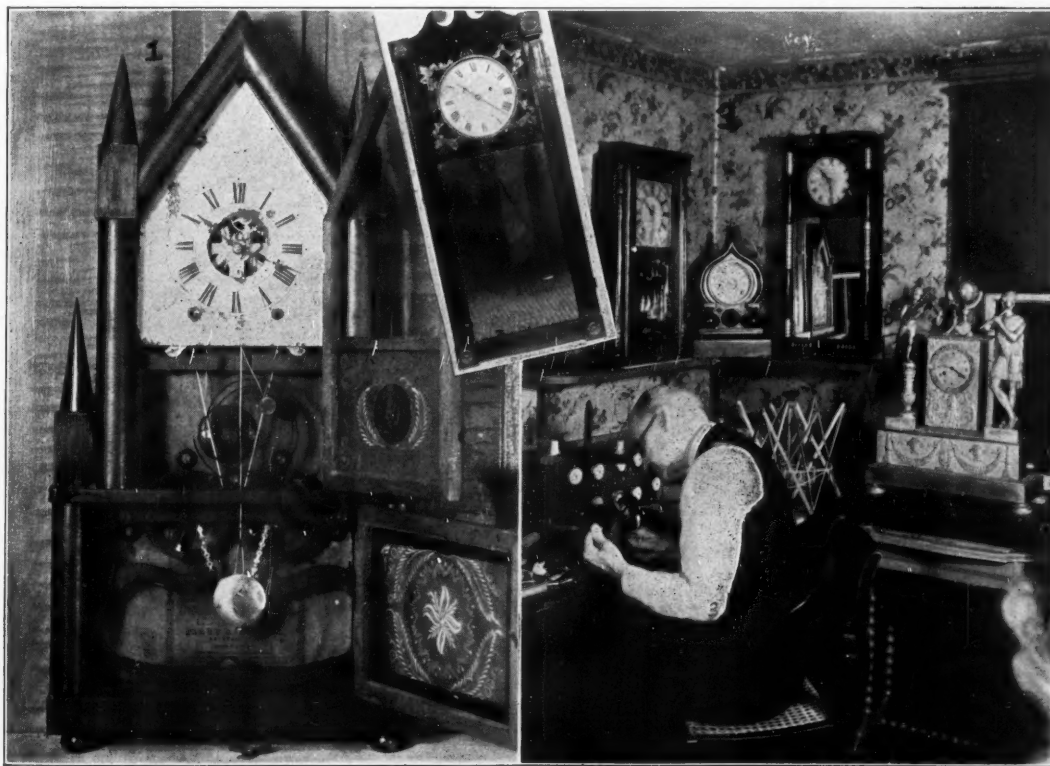
The history of these clocks is shrouded in mystery. Dr. Rowell has more data on these clocks than any authority I know.

Cut No. 2 illustrates a clock made by Abial Chandler of Concord, N. H., who was a son of Major Chandler (Timothy). Abial succeeded his father in business. This is an 8-day brass movement, and an excellent time keeper. Abial also made mathematical instruments and was in business from 1829 to 1858.

In cut No. 3 you see the old "Clock Tinker" at his bench, with more clocks of unusual types.

Let me introduce also a clockmaker of unusual ability: Stephen Hassam (sometimes spelled Hasham) of Charlestown, N. H. Born in Boston, Mass. about 1761. Stephen was about fourteen when the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought, and he witnessed the conflict from a church steeple in the North End. The family during the war, moved to Grafton, and then to Worcester, where Stephen learned the

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Tribulations and Triumphs of a CLOCK COLLECTOR

By GEORGE S. HOTCHKISS, Editor Doylestown, Pa., *Intelligencer*

NOT long ago I received from a friend in California a letter in which he wrote:

"Since I wrote you last a few rare clocks have trickled into our home—via the basement entrance, when Mrs. S. was not so vigilant."

If my guess is good, that experience is one common with most of us who are collectors of antique time pieces.

And yet I'll venture just as confidently that most of us have our spirit of elation over acquiring the coveted clocks, surreptitiously smuggled in, merged with a feeling of being guilty of a lack of consideration, in view of the patience shown by our wives when they see every point of advantage in the house taken up by grandfather, banjo or mantel timepieces.

Perhaps like myself, a great many collectors, as they sit alone at night, when everything else is quiet, and hear clock after clock strike the hour, or the combined ticking of a dozen of them, decide that the wife's patience can reasonably be expected to wear thin occasionally.

Possibly some have even heard the ultimatum of the Fuehrer of the Home: "They shall not pass"—and have thenceforth set aside one room of the house for a majority of the treasures.

To us, of course, the ticking and the striking of the clocks is like Pythagoras' "Music of the Spheres." We have a feeling that—

"There's not the smallest orb
which thou beholdest

But in his motion like an angel
sings,

Still quiring to the young-eyed
cherubims."

Yet, I'll have to admit, in my own case, that sixteen grandfather clocks and at least fifty smaller types, even in a large home, come rather near to reaching the saturation point—unless one lives alone.

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The ideal situation, of course, is found when husband and wife are jointly enthusiastic over clocks—and there are notable instances of this.

Even then there can be complications, if there are children in the home. I was reminded of this not long ago—after finding a young grand-daughter trying to use the chain of a Friesland more than 200 years old for a swing!

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If experiences among clock collectors are similar, the space taken up

by clocks in the home, and the noise they make, are not the only provocations to marital disturbances. One of those periods of discontent, no doubt, has just passed for most collectors who have a large collection of the more cumbersome clocks which must be moved during the housecleaning season.

If my experience is not unusual, the nerve strain is not one-sided—even when the collector can devote time personally to seeing that the clocks are moved.

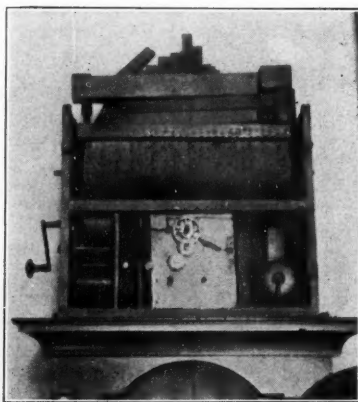
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While we are on the subject of the trials and tribulations of the clock collector, we may as well make a good job of it—and touch on the other side.

Perhaps the greatest pleasure I get from my clocks is through taking a wreck and restoring it to something like its pristine glory. The mechanical side is so different from the daily vocation of a writer that I can imagine nothing that so effectually serves as a cure for raveled nerves, or that so completely serves to keep the mind out of a rut, or that adds such a huge measure of satisfaction, as when a clock is restored through amateur skill in horology and cabinet making.

But, like any clock collecting enthusiast, I'll wager, succumbing to the temptation to spend a great deal of leisure time in this way has been the cause of more chiding from the better halves than any other feature of the collector's mania.

Long ago, however, I succeeded in disciplining my inclinations, but it was a tough struggle. A new specimen



*Mechanism of an interesting
organ clock.*

begging for immediate attention, and the yearning to see what the finished exhibit is going to be like, is often an almost irresistible temptation.

No millionaire's yacht or string of polo ponies, I'm convinced, ever brought him greater thrills or pleasure than my motorized shop in the basement, where time ceases to exist when I am completely submerged in some problem of clock restoration.

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Certainly no satisfaction is greater for the collector than that experienced when we have unearthed the answer to some problem that has been puzzling, especially when "the books" are of no assistance, and we have to depend upon veterans who have dug it up.

With all the hundreds of persons engaged in studying antique clocks, and the information there has been published in *HOBBIES* excellent special editions, and elsewhere, I occasionally discover that even the oldest of clock men have never learned certain facts.

Not long ago a veteran who has spent close to seventy years in the business asked me if I would be interested in seeing a "fake" Soliday grandfather movement.

"What makes you think it's a fake?" I inquired when he exhibited it.

"Why," said he, "the man didn't even know how to spell the name."

He spelled it Soliday.

Well, as I happen to live in Bucks county, Penna., and in Doylestown, where Samuel Soliday made most of his grandfather movements—for both tall and mantle clocks—it made me smile.

These makers, at various times, spelled their family name Soliday, Soliday, Solida, Salada, Salida, and so on.

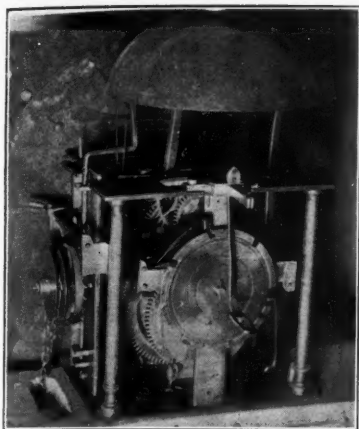
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But the same man repaid me by telling me the explanation of the name "Notron" that has been found on some clocks, a name not in the books.

It appears that while England and France were at odds, the English maker, Norton, discovered that it would be difficult to sell his products in France under his own name—and he hit upon the ingenious idea of spelling it backward, Notron.

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One of these days I would like to see *HOBBIES* carry a story revealing the professions of businesses of the men, and women, who are enthusiastic



Illustrating the Wills movement.

collectors of clocks and watches. It would be interesting, also, to learn how many of them are really skilful and devote much time to resuscitating the movements and to the cabinet making feature of the restorations.

I know a number of professional men, two at least physicians. Some of them are really expert. In no small number of instances among the men who are serious collectors, the knack for the mechanical side has contributed largely to their ability to go in extensively for the collection of either clocks or watches.

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As I reach this point, I can't escape wondering how many of the men who are collectors have heard this appeal from their wives, especially when company is arriving: "Now, dear, for pity sake, don't talk clocks."

CURIOUS SHELF CLOCK

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clock making trade. From Worcester he went to Charlestown, N. H., and established himself in business. He became noted as a clock-maker, and quite a few of his clocks are still found. All are splendid time keepers. The Town Clock on the South Parish, in Charlestown, N. H., is his work. He was undoubtedly gifted by nature with great mechanical ability. He did excellent carving, and a fine specimen of his work, was the Golden Eagle, which for years spread his wings, over the porch of the principal hotel in the village. This piece of work was greatly admired, for the grace and beauty of its proportions. Stephen Hassam lived to be nearly one hundred years old.

"30 DAYS HATH SEPTEMBER"

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Nearly all foreign versions, where rhymes are used instead of other devices, parallel closely Grafton's English original, even to the inclusion of November in the first line. This leads to the thought that translation took place, in one direction or the other. For instance, take these three variations:

SWEDISH

*Trettio dagar har november,
April, juni och september,
Tjuguatta februari allen,
Alla de ovriga trettioen.*

ITALIAN

*Trenta giorni ha novembre
con april, giugno e settembre,
di ventotto ve n'ha uno,
tutti gli altri ne han trentuno.*

SPANISH

*Treinta dias trae noviembre
con abril, junio y septiembre,
los demas traen treinta y uno
menos febrerito el mocho
que trae veintiocho.*

It is interesting to note the changes made from language to language, in order to retain a perfect rhyme. The Italian version, for instance, speaks of a month of 28 days, without naming which one, while the Spanish version refers to February as *el mocho*, "the cropped."

In a number of countries, chief among them France and Germany, lingual devices for the recalling of the lengths of the months are unknown. However, the people of these countries employ one of the several variations of an ancient manual method, which serves its purpose quite as well.

The fist is clenched, and the months are counted off in succession on the knuckles and in the spaces between them. Beginning at the knuckle of

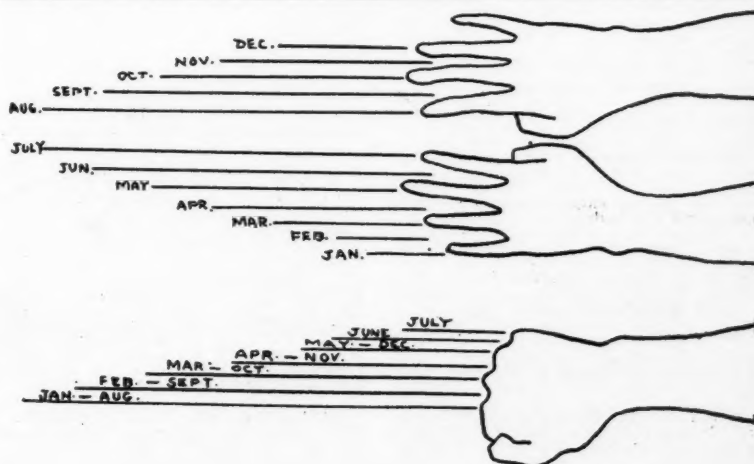
the index finger, those months having 31 days fall on a knuckle, and those having 30 days, or less, into a depression. July is on the little finger; August, like January, is on the index finger, and the count is repeated once more through to December. This is the German method—also used in Mexico, and in parts of South America and France.

A second method, more widely used in France, consists in counting off the months on the digits of both hands (with the exception of the thumbs), and the spaces between the digits. July, then, falls on the index finger of the left hand, and August falls on the index finger of the right hand. Being on separate hands, these two fingers are regarded as having no depression between them.

Since the lengths of the months are of purely arbitrary allotment, there is no reason why we should tolerate the faults of the old calendar, except for the fact that, until recently, there has been no concerted action to introduce an orderly arrangement of the months.

In the World Calendar, a new timing system scheduled for early adoption, the first month of every quarter-year is long—31 days, and the following two are short—30 days. The enactment of this sensible method of time-keeping would obviate the use of crazy rhymes and manual devices and render them museum pieces that, in a progressive world, they should rightly be.

Our English cousins still revere their old English master clockmakers and their clocks. William Gummer, London correspondent and subscriber to HOBBIES, sends a copy of the London Daily Telegraph and Morning Post for November 7, 1938, which contains a sixteen-page supplement on clocks and watches.





RECORDS OF WAR

THE Boston Museum of Fine Arts recently opened an exhibition of war prints, drawings, and posters dating from the fifteenth century to the end of the Great War. In this outstanding series of exhibits, assembled by the Curator of Prints, Henry P. Rossiter, it is possible to trace the evolution of war from a minor incident to a major industry and to see how artists and public have changed front with the times.

In making his selections, Mr. Ros-

ter has not only acted from the in 1513: "A prince ought to have no other aim or thought, nor select anything else for his study, than war and its rules and discipline; for this is the sole art that belongs to him who rules, and it is of such force that it not only upholds those who are born princes, but it often enables men to rise from a private station to that of rank." As a prelude to this point of view, there is shown among the early prints the famous "Battle of the Nude Men" by an older contemporary of Machiavelli, Antonio Pollaiuolo, in which he harks back to the idea expressed by the Greek sculptors that warfare was a kind of gladiatorial combat, man against man, glorifying the human body rather than death and suffering or despotic power.

War was commonly regarded, however, as an aristocratic pursuit until long after Maximilian I and Charles V, both Holy Roman Emperors, who employed artists to record their prowess and achievements, as shown by prints in the exhibition. In those days war affected the population comparatively little, the forces engaged were small, and the loss of life was relatively slight. In Mr. Rossiter's words: "It was an age of decorative war interpreted in terms of decorative art, with hardly a trace of psychology or drama."

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This attitude was to change rapidly in the seventeenth century. As early as 1633 there appeared "Les Grandes Miseres de la Guerre" by the Frenchman Jacques Callot. This series with that of the "Little Miseries" presents a searching indictment of war's cruelty and suffering as it concerns both soldiers and civilians; but it was the Spaniard Goya, a century and a half later, who was to be the first to speak for the people against brutal, senseless butchery and destruction. Goya himself witnessed many of the horrors endured by defenseless non-combatants and left a tragic record of his observations in the "Disasters of War", also included in the Boston exhibition.

Sentimentality tinged the artists' records of war in the nineteenth century, as it tinged every other aspect of life in that time, robbing them of any real integrity and vitality. The artist's vision was spent on the landscape. With the twentieth century came a change and of this Mr. Rossiter says: "The last wisps of sentimental glamor about war, held over from the Victorian era, vanished completely in the autumn of 1914. Once and for all war was exposed and stood out as an abomination of desolation. Troops moved as stealthily and invisibly as footpads and killed en masse by means of excellent machines provided by their govern-

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A LOVELY PRIZE WINNER

By ALICE PARET DORSEY

WOULDN'T *you* be excited and thrilled if, all alone in the house, your morning mail and papers brought word that one of your favorite dolls had won the two best and highest prizes and another doll had come out first in one of the groups of a big Doll Show and Contest where they were competing with over four hundred other entries,—and your telephone kept ringing busily with the congratulations of friends and relatives who had "seen it in the paper"? Well, if, all day long, you didn't feel like a bubbling, boiling tea-kettle, with the lid clamped on, tight, because you couldn't "blow off steam" to your own family until your girls and co-collectors came home from High School and College and your husband from the office,—then there'd just be something lacking in your make-up, and you couldn't be classified as a really enthusiastic doll collector.

When, two or three weeks before, the papers had announced that one of Baltimore's leading Department Stores would hold a city-wide Doll Show and Contest, we looked over our collection of nearly four hundred, to choose our entrants in the various groups. It was really quite a problem, for not many of ours belong in the "best dressed" classes listed in the papers, because, having specialized in unusual dolls from out-of-the-way places all over the world, dressed by native inhabitants of primitive spots, the majority of them are very crude and "original" to say the least. Finally, though, after selecting two real beauties and six others that were unique and unusual, we started down town, one of the girls laughingly exclaiming, "Well, we certainly ought to get something out of it, with all these!"

In the suitcase we carefully carried our precious "Mary", a "lady doll" who, with her sister "Maggie", had come over from Paris in 1873. Exhibitors could only enter one doll in each group, so "Maggie" could not be included in the "Old Fashioned Costume" group. Then, for the Boy Doll group, there was "Gamaliel", about six inches tall, carved (out of white bass wood) and dressed by a twelve-year old boy in the heart of the Ken-

tucky mountains; while "Violet", my own sister's Baby Doll of 1892, was entered in the Infant Class, and "Lillian", twelve years old, went as a Modern Character Doll, wearing the "uniform" of the school my oldest attended that year. "John McMahon" represented the historic attorney for the B. and O. Railroad when it was founded in 1827, and, bought at their one hundredth anniversary celebration, was entered in the Historic Character division; and one of the queer, wooden, "Dancing Dolls of Java" (probably the only one of its kind in the country) went down for the "Oddest Costumed Group",—and, for the "best Dressed Foreign Group" a little black cloth and bead doll, carrying her bead baby on her back, —a pair made by a native mother of South Africa, and found, not in a

shop, but in a little hut in the heart of the "Bush Country". And last came our "Sparrow", in semi-human form, from our set of characters depicting the Japanese story of the "Wounded Sparrow". He was entered in the Fairy Tale Character Class, and won first prize in that group.

There were three other classes besides those mentioned above (Modern Dressed, Homeliest, and Rag Dolls), all having first and second prizes. Then there were two leading or feature prizes of \$10 each, for the "Most Popular Doll" (voted for, by ballot, by the visitors to the show) and "Best Looking, Best Dressed Doll" (personal appearance, costume, etc.), —and it was both of those two feature prizes that were awarded to our beloved, sixty-five year old "Mary" by "her admiring public", the number of ballots she received being far

Miss Anne Russell, left, and Miss Belle Tearney, right, with some of the dolls entered in a recent city-wide doll contest at the Hochschild, Kohn and Company contest in Baltimore, Md. The doll to the left in the inset picture belonging to Alice Paret Dorsey won first and second grand prizes; two awards.



Courtesy of Baltimore Home News.

beyond those of any other doll, among the total of more than two thousand cast!

This little silk-clad belle of the show stands fifteen inches high, and, complete in every detail of a well-dressed, well-bred lady of the 1870's, was costumed by one of the most famous Parisian dressmakers of the day, and, with "Maggie", stood in her window to advertise her establishment. There they were spotted by the bright eyes of two little girls (cousins of my children's grandmother) on their first trip abroad. Once seen, nothing would satisfy either child but those very two dolls, — "no, not copies were sent to America, later, but those two dolls, themselves, to take home with them!" And now, carefully treasured all these years, "Mary" has suddenly become the sensation of the Baltimore Doll World. Her dress is of rich, purple silk, trimmed with silk fringe and deeper, royal purple velvet, and is lined with crinoline, — while "Maggie's" dress is of deep, mossy green, trimmed with black lace around the looped-up panier, — and both dresses have white lace at throat and wrists, and each has a diminutive *bustle* under the full back! Each one's old-time "chemise", full petticoat, and long, old-fashioned "drawers" are all lace trimmed, while diminutive white stockings are under their quaint, perfectly-made brown kid shoes, — one pair with three tiny little brass buttons and button holes, and the other of the "Congress gaiter" type, with elastic up the high sides and a tiny silk tassel at the top! Their "accessories" are equally fascinating and perfect: — ear-rings, tiny gilt crosses held around their throats by the narrowest black velvet ribbon we ever saw, "real" lorgnettes on fine gilt chains, and, topping their high-piled, golden curls (velvet banded) a perfect little "Empress Eugenie" hat with ribbon streamers, tiny ostrich "plume" and hat pin. Finally, last but not least, the tiniest of little white kid, buttoned gloves (one is lying on the side of "Maggie's" dress) and a little silk-fringed, ivory-handled parasol complete "Mary's" costume, "Maggie" having lost her hat, gloves and parasol many years ago.

These dolls, of all ages and every conceivable material, represented all sections of the world and all types of people: aristocrat and peasant (King George the VI, and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor rubbed elbows with the "everyday people"), scientist and Oriental fanatic ("Prof. Einstein" won first prize in the Modern Character group, and "Mahatma Gandhi" was there, too), dancer and Puritan. These specimen furnished irrefutable proof of the vital part that dolls, the world over, have played, through the years, in the lives of men, women, and children.

THE FIRST FRESHMAN

By ELEANOR ST. GEORGE

"MISS VASSAR—1865—The First Woman's College Freshman in the wide world," as Godey's Lady Book quaintly phrased it, represented the College Club of Worcester, Mass., in a doll show held in that city some time ago. She was dressed by Mrs. Robert H. Carey in whose family the doll is an heirloom. The costume of blue and brown plaid taffeta was copied from a fashion-plate in Godey's Lady Book for the fall of 1865.

In 1861, Matthew Vassar, an aged and wealthy philanthropist, of English birth, announced his intention of devoting the sum of \$400,000 and an estate of four hundred acres of land near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "to establish and endow an institution which should accomplish for young ladies what our colleges are doing for young men."

In spite of difficulties incident to the Civil War, Vassar College opened its doors in September, 1865. Before the opening it was a seriously debated question whether young ladies would be found willing to spend four years in study after they had reached their sixteenth year. The question was answered when one thousand had applied for admission before the opening date. Of this number, less than three hundred were able to meet the entrance requirements — a sad commentary on the education of girls of the period.

What manner of girl was this first freshman?

Unquestionably she was "a lady" — there seem to have been no women in those days — and, being a "lady", she was pre-supposed to be a delicate creature. In the first prospectus of the college, the trustees hasten to reassure that "the intellectual course of study" is to be "ample but not crushing," and that "the health of the students shall not be sacrificed to any other objects whatever." To this end they announce that "a special School of Physical Training will be provided under the charge of a lady professor, where regular training will be given in the arts of Riding, Flower-gardening, Swimming, Boating, Skating and other physical accomplishments suitable for ladies to acquire and promotive of bodily strength and grace. The playgrounds are ample and secluded; and the apparatus required for Swedish calisthenics (Boston light gymnastics) and for such simple feminine sports as archery, croquet (or ladies' cricket), graces, shuttlecock, etc., will be supplied by the college."



The First Freshman—Miss Vassar, 1865.

Did the First Freshman, in pursuit of these "simple feminine sports," don breeches for riding, shorts when she played shuttlecock or "ladies' cricket," or a backless bathing suit for swimming? Emphatically she did not. It was a dark and shameful secret of the Victorian age that ladies had legs as a means of locomotion and every possible effort was made to conceal the fact. Her riding habit was therefore very full, many yards of cloth gathered at the waist and trailing on the floor when she stood. Beneath it she wore two white muslin petticoats, heavily embroidered and stiffly starched, that reached to her ankle.

The bathing suit was no less revealing, consisting, as it did, of very long, very full trousers of heavy wool gathered at the ankles, long stockings, a full skirt that came well down on the calves, covering the trousers, the neck high and the sleeves long.

Her "undies" were none of your flimsy rayon or silk "scanties" but good stout honest muslin heavily adorned with tucks and embroidery. In winter she wore a "Balmoral" — a wide substantial petticoat of woollen fabric, pleated to a hip-yoke and edged at the bottom with a fluted ruffle which, in turn, was edged with black worsted braid and black velvet. In all seasons she wore a hoop skirt.

Her stocking — for she followed the latest from Paris — were white striped in blue. Empress Eugenie had at the moment adopted that style and wom-

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en everywhere looked to Eugenie for the latest elegance in dress.

When chill winds of winter blew about Poughkeepsie, she wore mittens and substituted for her muslin undersleeves, knitted ones, known as "muffattees."

All of these interesting garments, authentic copies are in the wardrobe of the doll—"Miss Vassar—1865."

The educational ideals of the college were those of the period. They are thus set forth in the first prospectus: "In society, woman has a special place and mission . . . it is hers to refine, illumine, purify and adorn—not, under any ordinary circumstances, to govern or contend. She should be as intelligent as man . . . more delicate and pure in her tastes . . . her methods should be her own, always and only womanly . . . Oratory and debate (whether public or private) are not feminine accomplishments; there will be nothing in the college arrangements to encourage the practice." To this last sentiment, Mrs. Hale, editress of Godey's Lady Book, who quotes it, adds in applauding italics—"very right."

Poor dear, quaint little Victorian First Freshman! She was indeed a pioneer. In an age when girls were thought marriageable at sixteen, it took real courage to embark instead upon four years of higher education with the handicap of inadequate preparation and the burden of a mission "to refine, illumine, purify, and adorn—not under any ordinary circumstances to govern or contend."

The World of Doll-dom

The recent Chicago Antiques Exposition and Hobby Fair was marked by dozens of outstanding dolls on exhibition. Many commented on this phenomenal interest for doll collecting.

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One of the biggest doll exhibitions on the western coast was held recently at Hermosa Beach, Calif., with approximately 1700 entries which included some very rare dolls. Seven collectors who brought many dolls from their collections were unable to exhibit because of lack of space.

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In the last century the introduction of wires and mechanism to make eyes move or wink at pleasure, and also to make the doll utter sounds of "papa" and "mamma," made British dolls popular. It is stated in the experience of the doll trade, that after Victoria came to the throne blue eyes for dolls became popular in England, but black eyes were used in dolls exported to the continent and especially for the Spanish trade. Black dolls were made for Negro children and gutta percha was used

extensively in this type. At the Great Exhibition in London in 1851, one of the most attractive exhibits was that of Madame Montanari, a London manufacturer. This consisted of a series of dolls, representing all ages, from infancy to womanhood, arranged in several family groups, with suitable and elegant model furniture. These dolls had the hair, eyelashes, and eyebrows separately inserted in the wax, and were, in other respects, modelled with lifelike truthfulness. Much skill was also evinced in the variety of expression which was given to these figures, in regard to the ages and stations which they were intended to represent. Some of the dolls were sold at five guineas (\$25.00) undressed; and at greatly increased price when richly attired.

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Edyth Walker as Isolde

AS LONG as Madame Edyth Walker is happily with us, a link with the great days of singing remains. There is nobody else now who has anything like her achievements to look back upon; a mere list of them smacks of the really Golden Age, as does her whole attitude towards her art.

When twenty-four years old she made her debut at the Berlin Court Opera as Fidé in *Le Prophète*; and thereby hangs a tale. Madame Walker feels that her life has been predestined, for there seems no other explanation for the unerring choice which led her, young and totally without experience, up difficult paths to such auspicious goals.

While singing in a church at Utica, N. Y., a friend came to her with the news that she was going abroad, and urged her to accompany her. Delightful thought! But where was the money? The money came and she set out with no clear notion of what she was to do in Europe. Europe like America is filled with quack singing teachers; yet her footsteps led her

directly to the Dresden Conservatory and to Aglaya Orgeni who became her only teacher.

Aglaya Orgeni was a member of a noble Austrian family and was gifted with a magnificent voice. She studied with the elder Lamperti and had long been a faithful and favorite pupil of the great Pauline Viardot Garcia, so that she not only absorbed the Garcia method but Viardot Garcia's style. When she heard the astonishing and rich alto possessed by the naive and slim young American it was she who ordained an operatic career. "What is more," she said, "you will make your debut as Fidé. I shall teach you the role exactly as Viardot Garcia sang it."

Viardot Garcia for whom Meyerbeer wrote the role of Fidé was as everyone knows the greatest interpreter that part has ever had as well as being the daughter of the elder Garcia, and the sister of the younger Garcia and the "star-crossed Malibran." Edyth Walker was betwitched, hypnotized by Orgeni. She became "clay in her hands" (to use her own expression) and so great was her admiration and faith in her teacher that when Orgeni said, "At this point Viardot Garcia appeared at the back of the stage at a far corner and walked across to the footlights at the other side trilling all the way", the pupil did likewise, executing a magnificent trill for several measures. Every phrase, even every gesture as Viardot Garcia performed it was taught the young American by the indefatigable Orgeni; so that today Madame Edyth Walker preserves the great traditions of this tremendous role in a direct line from Viardot Garcia.

Madame Orgeni's accounts of Viardot Garcia and her brilliant Camarilla awoke in Edyth Walker a love of art in all its branches. Orgeni as a young pupil often visited her teacher's villa at Baden-Baden where she came to know the many great people who surrounded the singer. Ivan Turgenev wrote words for operettas; Viardot Garcia set them to music and then the advanced pupils sat around a large table and copied out the parts. In the evening they rehearsed and performed these works for small but brilliant audiences, which included

famous singers, writers and musicians and often the King and Queen of Prussia.

Four years Edyth Walker studied, and then she made her debut as Fidé in Berlin. But soon she received an offer from the Vienna State Opera, and there, under Mahler, she sang all the alto roles; Amneris, Ortrud, Orpheus, etc. Orgeni was not one to recognize in her pupil limitations the pupil did not feel herself, and Edyth Walker, with a range of 3 octaves appeared as Donna Elvira, under Hans Richter. At this time she was coached histrionically by Marianne Brandt who was so popular during the early German seasons at the Metropolitan, and they became close friends. She was a reigning favorite in Vienna during the glamorous days, now alas! departed; she knew and worked with all the great singers at the time and that glorious line of conductors; Hans Richter, Bruno Walter, and elsewhere Mottel, Mengelberg, Muck and others.

After five years in Vienna she accepted a contract from Conreid and made her debut at the Metropolitan on November 30, 1903 as Amneris, with Caruso (his second appearance in New York), Gadske, Scotti, and Plancon. She remained in New York three years singing all the big contralto parts.

At a performance of *Tristan and Isolde* Nordica spoke to her as they left the stage at the end of the second act. "Some day you will sing the Isolde."

"I? Madame Nordica!"

"Yes," said Nordica, "I hear it in your voice."

"A big glorious soul!" was Madame Walker's comment on Nordica in speaking of this episode to your reporter. "Most singers, you know," she added, "think that when they are finished, opera is dead. It takes a great nature to speak like that to a young singer!"

But Madame Walker sang *The Queen of Sheba* of Goldmark with Van Rooy and her last appearance at the Metropolitan, a foretaste of Nordica's prophecy, was as Brunnhilde in *Walkure*.

Madame Walker wisely refuses to state which she considers the greatest of the singers she has appeared with. "I have sung with so many great singers," she says; but one hopes it is permissible to have favorites. While "getting my little song ready" as she expressed waiting in the wings as Siebel, she enjoyed

watching Plancon as Mefisto. His chest would swell out and up and the more he sang the larger became his chest—instead of collapsing like some singers—and the erstwhile Brunnhilde and Ortrud gave a vivid exhibition of a collapsed chest to illustrate her story. Plancon's figure was for a sculptor and his eyes were as magnificent as his voice and art. And Plancon's French! nothing like it ever was heard; she could not resist speaking of its beauty to him.

La Favorita with Caruso and Scotti and the Page in The Huguenots in those great casts were other roles—but a round of familiar parts palls on a singer who feels within herself the seeds of change and development stirring.

She returned to Germany and sang five years at Hamburg. At this time Wagner was not overpopular in New York and there were few opportunities to sing him; but in Hamburg she at last fulfilled the prophecy of Nordica and sang Isolde; as well as all the Brunnhildes and Fidelio. Here she created Salome and Octavian; and when Caruso came to Hamburg she was his Tosca. In Salzburg she sang Donna Elvira again to Lilli Lehmann's Donna Anna under Hummel, and she appeared at the great Gewandhaus concerts with Nikisch conducting.

Edyth Walker was London's first Elektra under Strauss himself and sang that role and Isolde and Brunnhilde many times with Sir Thomas Beecham; she became a visiting star all over Europe and special seasons were organized for her, particularly in Holland. It is due to this preoccupation with the Continent that Edyth Walker as one of our most glorious native singers is less known in America than she deserves to be.

Though her Fides was modelled on Viardot Garcia's she was a singer of genuine originality and her conceptions of her roles were her own. She was an actress of tremendous power as those who heard her testify—and as it would be difficult to disbelieve in talking to her even at the tea table. Thus as Isolde she considered that the great *crux* was not the potion. Wagner permitted his lovers to love even before the potion was drunk. But it was Isolde's deliberate choice to summon Tristan by extinguishing the torch in spite of Brangaene's pleadings. Here she made her decision with open eyes; and the extinguishing of the torch proved the extinguishing of the lovers themselves. For this reason Madame Walker is pictured herewith raising the torch to quench it.

As to our singers records—who has them? They are almost unknown in this country. What an invaluable link would the Church Scene from Le Prophète be, for instance, if there

are any singers left who care for the great achievements of the past which have set a standard no longer to be equalled.

In June 1914 Madame Walker entered into an agreement with Thomas Edison to make ten records for him (Diamond Discs) but only two were made, one being, (she believes) *Dich teure Halle*. They are reported destroyed.

Madame Walker has returned to America and is teaching in New York. One can only feel envy of her pupils. If any of them love the history and traditions of Opera they have found their last repository—a direct link to the elder Lamperti Viardot Garcia, Garcia, and, one might say (remembering the uncanny similarity between Pauline and her immortal sister) the unparalleled Malibran herself, the greatest singer of them all.

Edyth Walker's Records

Black G. & T., Vienna 1902

- 3436 The Lost Chord.....Sullivan
- 3437 Love's Old Sweet Song.....Molloy
- 43192 Neue Liebe (7 in.)...Rubenstein
- 43231 Evangelimann: O schone JugendtageKienzi
- 43232 Faust: Blumlein traut..Gounod
- 43259 Carmen: Card Song.....Bizet
- 43261 Prophete: Church SceneMeyerbeer
- 43262 Walkure: WalkurenrufWagner

Black Pre-Dog, Hamburg 1908

- 43999 Walkure: WalkurenrufWagner
- 2-43050 Lohengrin: Entweihte GotterWagner
- 043093 Rheingold: Erda's WarningWagner
- 043094 Tannhauser: Gebet der ElizabethWagner
- ? Tannhauser: Dich teure HalleWagner

Hamburg 1910 ?

- 043144 Rienzi: Gerechter Gott (Part 1)
- 043145 Rienzi: Gerechter Gott (Part 2).....Wagner
- 043146 Die Allmacht (Part 1)
- 043147 Die Allmacht (Part 2)Schubert

A new feature of the record collector's department will be complete monthly lists of "serious" records of all companies published thirty years ago. The first list is that of February, 1909 releases which was actually announced on January 15, 1909. Each month this section will be titled:

Thirty Years Ago

Victor Records

Geraldine Farrar:

- 87023 Manon: Gavotte
- 87024 Robin Adair

- 88144 Carmen: Micaela's aria
- 88145 Nozze di Figaro: Voi che sapete
- 88146 Manon: Adieu notre petit table

Titta Ruffo:

- 92037 Hamlet: Brindisi
- 92039 Barbiere di Siviglia: Largo

Maria Galvany and Titta Ruffo:

- 92500 Hamlet: Nega se puoi la luce

Battistini, Corsi, Colazza, Sillich and La Scala Chorus:

- 92046 Ernani: O sommo Carlo

Evan Williams:

- 74126 Messiah: (a) Recitative—Thy Rebuke, (b) Air—Behold and See
- 74128 Martha: Like a Dream

Columbia Records

Ruth Vincent:

- A-5086 Sweet Bird (Handel) 12" Tom Jones — Waltz Song "Which Is My Own True Self?"

Anton Van Rooy

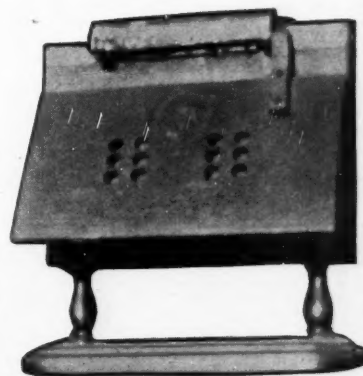
- A-5087 Der Lindenbaum (Schubert) 12" Wanderlied (Schumann)

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Correction

In the lists of unpublished records in both November and December issues the name "Vienille" is incorrect. The singer we wished to name was the splendid bass FELIX VIEUILLE.

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WANTED TO EXCHANGE—Operatic records by Journet, Bori, Jeritza, etc. List on request. No dealers.—Block, 646 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, N. Y. d104

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SONG BROADSIDES

Part II (concluded)

By WILLIAM McDEVITT, L.L.M.

ONE of the advantages that so extensive and representative a collection as Mrs. Hesthal's possesses (See December issue) is that it supplies an adequate list of the makers of the most standard song broadsides. It is interesting to note that perhaps most of the "publishers" of these broadsides were merely printers to begin with; in times when popular songs were so often "topical" or of current-news interest, these printers with enterprise kept their shops busy with broadside-printing, this little industry involving very little outlay for paper or type-composition. Where the variety of type was so diffuse as to display the "completeness" of the type equipment of a shop, then the song posters or dodgers served for Ad purposes for their business.

Here is a list of the more prominent "publishers" of broadsides: J. Andrews, Printer, 38 Chatham St., N. Y.; H. De Marsan, Publisher, also at 38 Chatham St., and 54 Chatham St., and, 3rd address, 60 Chatham St., N. Y. (he's famous for color-borders; he copyrighted some of his broadsides); he was successor to J. Andrews. Horace Waters, 333 Broadway, N. Y., advertised himself as "Extensive Music Publisher"; he earned immortality by being publisher of the largest number of original Foster melodies. He also memorialized his business by taking from the Wall Street Journal, as "a New Year's Gift for 1855" some verses entitled The Rush of Waters, setting them to music for the Piano-Forte, embellishing the music folio with two quaintly colored drawings showing the interior of his "vast" emporium, with a varied display (in the drawings) of the hoopskirt fashions of the middle '50s—and then presenting this "confection" with the compliments of Horace Waters; Charles Magnus, 12 Frankfort St., New York; if there are other New York song-broadside publishers, they issued only a few scattering and probably not important examples. J. Wrigley, 27 Chatham St., opposite City Hall Park, New York, is one of these minor emitters of song broadsides.

The principal Philadelphia publisher was J. H. Johnson, "Song Publisher, Stationer & Printer, (he issued over 600 different kinds of songs), No. 7 N. Tenth St., three doors above Market." This appears to have been a very prominent song "center." Johnson also published hymns; his address is also 5 N. 10th, and 18 N. 10th; Harris, Fourth and Vine; Auner & Johnson, 12 S. 8th St. (probably successor to the more famous JOHNSON).

Why was San Francisco in the '60s the center of most activity in song broadsides? T. C. Boyd, 228 Montgomery St., opposite the Russ House, advertised "10,000 songs for sale." Bell & Co., on Kearny St., also had 10,000 issues. In fact there are now more song broadsides still extant from the old '60's in San Francisco than from any other city, with the possible exception of New York? Why? First of all because, owing to their nature (historically and collectibly) the California songs were "saved" by the pioneers and their families. Old Man Healy (Patrick J.) who lived to be the oldest old-bookman in America, inherited from the famous I. N. Choinski, collector of the port of San Francisco under President Lincoln, (and, incidentally, father of the famous pugilist, Joe Choinski) an immense stock of California song broadsides. When Mr. Healy died a few years ago, this collection went on the market through Albert Dressler, most celebrated of all California book scouts. Sets of 100 different songs were cataloged by dealers and sold at from \$12 to \$15 a set. Many of them are of peculiar interest to students of the "Days of Old, the Days of Gold, the Days of '49."

The reason that this business was so much larger in San Francisco than anywhere else was due to the fact that there was no railroad connection with the publishing centers of the East, and that water transportation was too slow. Hence the home printers (like Bell, Boyd, Bancroft, Roman, and many others) turned "publishers" and had a market free from quick competition from the "outside."

So we see that a study of song broadsides involves history, geography, literature, music, art, sports, social customs, wit and humor, printing as an art, politics, every one of which subjects is exemplified in Mrs. Hesthal's collection of song broadsides.—Wm. McDevitt, L.L.M.

Indirectly, news has come of the death of L. G. Jaccard, Brooklyn, New York. Readers will recall the recent series of articles by Mr. Jaccard, which ran in this department. Mr. Jaccard was descended from a family of early Swiss music box manufacturers and probably knew more on the subject than any other person in the country. His writings in HOBBIES and his various helps to music box collectors comprise an invaluable heritage.

Autographs

Reciprocity

Maybe the world is growing better. At least we do not seem to hear many hard-hearted stories any more as to Mr. So and So who wouldn't tender his autograph. In fact here is one story, told by columnist Lowell Lawrance not so long ago in the Kansas City, Mo., Journal Post, that seems to contradict the hard-hearted stories.

It seems that Jane Fogg, 17-year old autograph collector of Kansas City, sent her autograph book to Walter Abel, RKO radio actor for his signature more than two years ago. When Mr. Abel received the book he signed it but forgot to mail it back. Months later, while in New York, appearing with Katherine Cornell in "Wingless Victory," he found the book in his trunk and decided to atone for his tardiness by getting some additional signatures. Miss Cornell, Guthrie McClintic, Janet Gaynor and other famous stage and screen personages in New York at that time added their names, but again, Abel overlooked the important matter of return mailing.

Back in Hollywood a few weeks ago the actor went through his trunks again, and again came upon the forgotten autograph book. Again he decided to atone, and accordingly passed the book around among his associates on the RKO radio lot in Hollywood. The result, says Mr. Lawrance, was that every page of Miss Fogg's book was filled.

"Rewards of Authorship"

Even though Woodrow Wilson, the late president of the U. S., is not far removed from our times, some of his autographs and holograph letters command good prices. This one, was quoted at \$150 by a dealer not so long ago:

"It is certainly one of the rewards of authorship to get such a letter as yours of last Thursday. I am so far from regarding it as an intrusion that I wish to thank you for it most heartily.

"A writer of course never sees his audience; he does not know how many he is reaching or in what way he is being regarded by his readers. He must keep heart amidst the embarrassing silence, and try to believe that what he writes is at any rate worth saying and deserving of an audience, for the sake of the truth or the cheer or the right moral impulse, or the mere human interest, that is in it. It's a lonely business at best. Your letter comes to me pitched in so genuine a key of friendliness and ap-

preciation that I must accept it not only with pleasure but also with gratitude. It heartens me and touches me very near the quick."

Six Years in the Making

In describing his collection for HOBBIES readers Lester Meadows of Miami, Fla., quotes first a letter he received from Jose Gil, Acting Assistant Secretary to the President of the Philippines, which follows:

"In accordance with your request of November 25, 1936, I am sending you herewith, by direction of His Excellency, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, a card with his signature.

"With the sincere thanks of His Excellency for your cordial expressions and best wishes for the success of his administration, I remain,

Very Respectfully,

Jose Gil,

Acting Assistant Secretary to the President."

Says Mr. Meadows further:

"So begins my collection of autographs which I have gathered these past six years. Each signature was personally acquired.

"Names, such as Ricardo J. Alfaro, fourteenth President of Panama; Dr. Haimodio Arias, fifteenth President of Panama; H. E. Asgier Asgiersson, Prime Minister of Iceland; Kanstantin Pats, Rugivarden, Eesti, and Wilhelm II, the World War Kaiser, occupy one section of this collection—along with Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt and each member of their cabinets.

"A few pages on you'll find Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., and Edith Bolling Wilson have graciously contributed their autographs. Also the forty-eight governors of 1933.

"In the literary section Vicki Baum, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Floyd Gibbons, Mark Hellinger, Walter Winchell, Robert Ripley, David A. Smart, Hugh Redwood, Cole Porter, all appear. And Carl Ed, Frank

Mullins, Harold Grey, Walt Disney and Sidney Smith each drew cartoons of their make-believe characters for me.

"Turning to the movie star section you get a glimpse of the past when the stilled pens of Marie Dressler, Renee Adoree, Russ Columbo, Thomas Meigan, Charles "Chic" Sales, Lillian Tashman appear. Jean Harlow contributed an 8x10 photo scribed—"To Lester Meadows with my cordial good wishes—Jean Harlow." Over 100 other screen celebrities autographs and photos grace my collection.

"Many stage folks are represented, also night club stars. Texas Guinan had mailed her autograph to me just a few short days before her untimely death.

Practically all the leading orchestra leaders, singers, vocalists, comedians and announcers are in my albums and such well known stars of the music world as John McCormack, Lily Pons, Nini Martini, Fritz Kreisler, Mary Garden, Lawrence Tibbett, Margery Maxwell, and Giovanni Martinelli are represented that one almost wonders who else is there to ask?

"I have devoted a section to baseball and football players, coaches, etc. Also the last nine heavy-weight boxing champs, Jim Londos, Mc Millan, etc., and aviators and speedsters such as Sir Malcolm Campbell, 'Wild Bill' Cummings, Kay Don, Dick Merrill, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacher, Col. Roscoe Turner, Frank Hawks, Sir Herbert Wilkins and lots more.

"Even the famed Siamese twins—Daisy and Violet Hilton generously wrote letters. And, as a fitting climax to my collection there are signatures of generals, admirals, senators, lawyers, mayors, ex-cabinet members, evangelists, nobel prize winners and business executives by the dozens all bound together in a treasured collection."

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CIRCUSIANA

Seth B. Howes, His Clock

By HUGH GRANT ROWELL

THERE is at least one actual circus clock. Some of my antique dealer friends who dote on Savery, Duncan Phyfe, Goddard, McIntyre, Willard, Terry, et al will lift a quizzical eyebrow at it. Nor will lovers of primitives, in clocks or furniture, try to hold up any and all and steal it from my home. But let a circusiana collector get one look at it—and you'd better call the police. Till I hear of another one—it's one of a kind. And it's got circus all over it.

The story in brief seems to be this. Some rather clever cabinet maker for reasons unknown—took several large plates of woodcuts (about 19½ x 36 inches) apparently used in printing circus posters and built a grandfather clock. For moulding he used picture frame. And for works he combined the arched dial of one of those fairly common grandfather clocks with wooden works, hooked it onto a set of Terry shelf clock thirty hour works, put in a set of guides and pulleys—and there he was. The dial could date as early as 1800, the works as early as 1820, and by 1830 they were getting pretty scenic with their circus posters and woodcuts they were. Indeed woodcuts of Rickett's circus in 1795 were rather good in detail. Currier & Ives were going strong in the '60's—and they were lithographs.

The clock came from up in the Flatfoot country. Flatfoot country—New York State around North Salem, Somers, Brewster's—lower Putnam County and upper Westchester County—where was created the first circus

syndicate—nursery of the American circus. Hackaliah Bailey, in 1815, brought Old Bet to Somers—and there, in the village square, you'll see a red brick tavern, now the Town House, with the name Elephant Hotel. And an elephant on a pole—in memory of Old Bet. The present pole-sitting elephant is new, the last one having had waspitis of the abdomen and with serious consequences (the first elephant sat on its stone perch from 1827). And if you'll get hold of Earl Chapin May's "The Circus—From Rome to Ringling" you'll learn of all the Flatfoot crowd—Seth B. Howes, June, Titus, Angevine, Crane, and unforgettable Daniel Drew who later became partner of Jim Fisk and Jay Gould (his autobiography is a honey). In 1875 the Flatfoots acquired the sixty car Barnum show which they built up from the mess Barnum had made of it and sold it in 1880 to Bailey and Hutchinson.

The theme of the clock is elephant and more elephant—elephants bearing mahouts, elephants feeding from trees, elephants indulging in a bit of wrestling. In the front of the gallery is a splendid elephant panel. In the door of the clock, however, a fine equestrian figure leaping over hurdles. In every case, the carving of the panel is a real work of art. A clock of this type is, of course, not to be compared with the regular carved clocks, the blocks in the clock being definitely intended for printing. Indeed, under the ever present coat of varnish always inflicted on old clocks, there's printer's ink still on the blocks.

The clock, overall stands seven feet. The bottom part is 20 inches wide. The base has 3 panels. Each side is a long panel. Above and below the door are panels. The door panel is an armed, mounted elephant hunter. Each side of the gallery is a panel and so is the front of it. The lowest front panel has lettering "far remote from haunts of men."

Just for a bit of fantasy, I like to believe that some old Flatfoot, retiring in the fullness of years from the

caravans, retiring from muddy roads and rattling railroad cars, but never retiring in his memories—taking some of the old advertising cuts of his show to his local cabinet maker and said, "George, make me a grandfather clock that I can look at and always think of my show." And at one he knew the doors were opening and the crowds were admiring his elephants which maybe they'd seen also in the Grand Free Street Parade, a Mile Long, at noon. At two the show began. At 4:30 the cookhouse flag was up. And so, with his circus clock, he always had his circus with him. At any rate, for the time being, the old clock is going to stand on the landing of my stairs, greet visitors hospitably, and remind them of Old Wagon Show Days. How I wish Charles Bernard could have seen it. He knew!

But now, to get down to facts and not fantasies, here's the actual story of the clock as told me by George Close of South Salem, of good old circus stock himself and able to make clocks and organs get to work. The cuts were from one of the circuses of famous old Seth B. Howes, New York's own circusman, whose Great London Circus was later combined with Barnum's. "Biggest show from here," states Mr. Close. Howes made a fortune on circusing and—and here's news for you—ordered the first billboard on which circus "paper" was displayed right out in the weather. Here are his cuts that showed the hunt for wild elephants—and his show had plenty of elephants. Probably 1850 dates the cuts. They lay around till 1898 and got into the hands of a pair of clock tinkers and antiqueers, the maker of the clock being the partner known as Smalley. The birthplace, Danbury, Conn. The clock passed into the hands of a family named Kallot who had it photographed. Subsequently it was purchased by a brother of George E. D. Todd of Somers, N. Y., for twenty-five dollars and declared by the family to be a Number One atrocity and delegated to the storehouse. Parts of it became broken. A workman attempted to repair it but got tangled up in spare parts. This Editor purchased it, took off the mahogany Japalac, and turned it over to Sven Bonander, finisher extraordinary, for having the clock refinished in old pine, the block being of pine. It is amazing how details of the cuts come out under the expert finishing.

The Seth B. Howes clock will never bring Reifsnnyder prices at the auction galleries. It won't make the family fortune. But try and get it away from me! The closing of the circus exhibit at the museum of the city of New York prevents exhibition there. They would have shown it otherwise.

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Collecting Theodore Roosevelt

By NORA E. CORDINGLEY

(Librarian, Roosevelt House Library and Museum, New York)

A MUSEUM library built around one person has the complexity of the person himself, and presents to the collector many and varied problems. Theodore Roosevelt, with his rich and abundant life, has exerted a strong appeal on the minds and hearts of many people, but perhaps most strongly upon those men who were in the "impressionable years" during the period when Theodore Roosevelt was front-page news in our daily papers. Visitors to Roosevelt House often remark rather wistfully, that they had once started collecting Theodore Roosevelt, but had given up. They had become bewildered at the immensity of the task, not knowing whither they might be led; how much money they might be investing; how they could house the collection after acquiring it, etc.

Few individuals can hope to enter the field of collecting Theodore Roosevelt *in toto*, but many may do so in part. It would be wise for the person interested in collecting the late president to survey the field a little. He may, perhaps, limit himself to collecting writings by him, but even these can be narrowed down. For instance there are the bona fide books, with all their different editions and reprints, as well as sets of his works. Next might be considered writings

by him issued in paper covers in contrast to the bound book. Since this classification would include copies of his speeches in their many forms, and magazine articles, this would entail no mean amount of labor, and would yield plenty of interest. Manuscripts and original letters would come here logically, but may be considered only by those fortunate people who have the financial means of indulging in an expensive hobby, for prices are still rather prohibitive for the majority. Again, there are books containing prefaces written by him, and books dedicated to him.

Although most collectors are enticed more by the literary produc-

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Above: Roosevelt Library, situated in Roosevelt House, the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt, now a shrine for memorabilia pertaining to the late president.



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The boyhood home of Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-sixth President of the United States, a high-stepped brownstone house of three stories, was restored by the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association, and Number 26, the house next door, where his uncle, Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, lived, was added. A reference library and museum in which is assembled the collection of memorabilia gathered by the Roosevelt Memorial Association occupy this side of the building.

Lincolniana

Rogers'—Council of War

JOHN ROGERS, famous sculptor, born in Salem, Mass., on October 30, 1829, is revered among Lincoln groups for his famous "Council of War," which was not created until after Lincoln's death.

Lincoln Lore, a publication of the Lincoln National Life Foundation recently carried an interesting story apropos of this subject which we quote in part.

"Sometime in the month of June, 1864, Rogers presented to Abraham Lincoln one of his war groups called 'Wounded Scout,' depicting a wounded soldier being sustained by a civilian in a swamp. In Lincoln's letter of acknowledgement, written on June 13, 1864, we find these words:

"I can not pretend to be a judge in such matters; but the Statuette group, *Wounded Scout—Friend in the Swamp*, which you did me the honor to present, is very pretty and suggestive, and, I should think excellent as a piece of art."

"Possibly the most famous study created by Rogers was the Council of War, portraying Lincoln seated, with Stanton and Grant standing at the rear of his chair. Here, in one group was the Commander in Chief of the armies of the Republic, the Secretary of War, and the highest ranking general.

"The famous 'Council of War' group was not created until after Lincoln's death. A copy was sent to Stanton, however, who responded with these words:

"... Am highly gratified with the genius and artistic skill you have displayed... I think you were especially fortunate in your execution of the figure of President Lincoln. In form and feature it surpasses any effort to embody the expression of that great man which I have seen..."

"It has not been known, generally, that there are two different studies of the famous group, both of which are in the library and museum of the Lincoln National Life Foundation. Just which one of these is the earliest study it is difficult to ascertain. The chief difference in the statuettes is found in the figure of Stanton. In one portrayal he is seen holding his glasses in his left hand with his right hand dropped by his side. This de-

sign we will call figure A. The other study shows Stanton with his glasses in his left hand and in the process of wiping them with a handkerchief held in his right hand. This we will call figure B.

"Figure A bears the inscription, 'John Rogers, Patented March 31, 1868' and it might indicate that the early patent date inscribed would suggest it was the earlier study of the two. Ten years later he was advertising extensively a 'Council of War Group' at \$25.00. Whether or not it was figure A we are not able to say.

"Figure B bears the inscription 'John Rogers, New York' with no reference as to copyright or date of copyright. This is similar to the figure cast in bronze which is in the New York Historical Society Collection. It is also this same figure which appears in advertisements as early as 1885. One in the *Century Magazine* for May of that year priced the 'Council of War' at \$20.00.

Figure B seems to have been duplicated by those who deal in plaster statuary today, one firm advertising the study at \$30.00.

"There is one more rather obscure work of art by Rogers which should be better known and that is his heroic bronze statue of Lincoln at Manchester, New Hampshire. When the Lincoln National Life Foundation published its beautiful brochure on *Heroic Bronze Statues of Lincoln* in 1935, the statue was in some way overlooked. Through the kindness of Caroline C. Clement, librarian of the Carpenter Memorial Library at Manchester, we learned that John Rogers, himself, who was a resident of Manchester, presented the original model in plaster to the city in 1895 and it was placed in the city library building. Later on it was removed to the high school.

"Preliminary steps were taken in 1909, shortly after the centennial celebration of Lincoln's birth, to have the Rogers statue of Lincoln cast in bronze. On Memorial Day, 1910, largely through the efforts of Louis Bell Post, G.A.R., the heroic bronze statue of Lincoln was dedicated. It now occupies a site on the lawn of the Central High School.

"It is very evident that this seated Lincoln, although an independent study of the Lincoln in the 'Council of War' group, borrowed much from the earlier study of Lincoln made by Rogers in 1868."

Lincoln Play Contest

According to Ernest W. Owen, Secretary of the Southwestern Indiana Civic Association, which is sponsoring a Lincoln Play Writing Contest, there has been considerably more than 4,000 copies of the Rules of the contest sent to all States of the Union, every Canadian province, Mexico, Alaska, and England.

Mr. Owen states further that a number of the completed plays have been received. The play now running in New York: "Lincoln in Illinois," according to Mr. Owen has had its effect on the contest, with the result that New York has sent for more requests for the rules than any state. California is second, and Illinois is third. It appears also that a number of motion picture writers have evidently sent for the rules. Several hundred letters have been received from Hollywood alone.

Lincolniana Acknowledgement

Stanley H. James, Chicago reader, sends HOBBIES an interesting group of Lincolniana prints made from old glass copy negatives. Three snapshots of portrait views are included, also a picture of the old cabin in which Lincoln was born, and old Kirkpatrick mill to which the youthful Lincoln and his father carried their scanty "turns of grist."

Garden Club Dedication

On October 4 the Garden Club of Illinois, comprising 120 clubs, formally dedicated at Springfield, Ill., a sixty acre memorial garden to Abraham Lincoln. The ceremonies were participated in by representatives of the various clubs who laid faggots in the center of a council ring. While the local band played "Stars and Stripes Forever," Mrs. George Plamondon, president of the state club, lighted a fire that gave a signal for Boy Scouts to light fires throughout the garden, making a picturesque and effective dedication.

Paul M. Angle, executive of the Abraham Lincoln Association and librarian of the State Historical Library, in addressing the meeting said, "This garden memorial is in harmony with Lincoln's life—like him it will grow. Lincoln grew from novice to leading lawyer, from politician to statesman, from Illinois to nation, and from nation to humanity."

FEBRUARY ISSUE

As previously announced our February issue will feature Lincoln and Washington material.

Response from collectors of Lincoln and Washington material has been most generous, and many new phases of these fields of collecting will be recorded for the first time in this special number.

LINCOLNIANA MART
(See General Mart for rates)

WANTED—Abraham Lincoln items.—
Albert Griffith, Fisk, Wis. jly12741

Water-Colors Pastels PAINTINGS

"Art Alone Endures"

PAINTINGS AT AUCTION

Selections from a sale conducted recently by Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., New York City, comprising part of the collections of the late Geo. F. Baker, Mrs. C. B. Alexander and other owners:

Artist: **Jean Charles Cazin** (French: 1840-1841). "Return from the Fields"; Depicting a peasant with scythe and woman in blue as she approaches a curving lane, across the road is a cottage with lighted window, and beyond it a barn. Signed, J. C. Cazin, 15" x 18". Brought \$325.

Jean Baptiste Camille Corot (French: 1796-1875). "Landscape Study"; A woman is walking in a green glade, a child playing beside a pond at the left. Signed at lower left, Corot. 9" x 15". Brought \$150.

Jean Charles Cazin. Rising Moon"; Shows a country road, curving between low red-roofed farm buildings, widens into the foreground, bordered at either side with green bushes. A full moon appears above the roofs. Signed, J. C. Cazin. 15" x 18". Brought \$340.

Ludwig Knaus (German: 1829-1910). "Visit to the Fields"; Depicts a barefooted peasant girl, carrying a small child upon her back, standing upon a brownish slope in the foreground, looking over undulating fields with workers. Signed, L. Knaus, dated 1886. 18" x 12". \$290.

Martin Rico y Ortego (Spanish: 1833-1908). "S. Giorgio Maggiore, Venice"; Animated scene of sailing craft with colored sails anchored on the blue lagoon, and gondolas moving between; in the background S. Giorgio stands picturesquely on the island. Signed, Rico. 18" x 28½". \$650.

Jules Dupre (French: 1811-1889). "Cattle Watering"; Twilight view of a river bordered at the left by a bending tree and distant brownish fields, three cattle are wading. Signed, Jules Dupre. 12" x 17". \$500.

Daniel Ridgway Knight (American: 1845-1924). "Morning Greeting"; Depicting three young Nor-

mandy peasant women standing by a road at the foot of a flight of garden steps, before a wall of foliage; one holds a baby who plucks flowers from a bouquet offered him. Signed, Ridgway Knight, dated Paris, '85. 32" x 25½". \$475.

Eugene Louis Gabriel Isabey (French: 1803-1886). "Before a Knight's Tomb"; The aisle of a cathedral hung with banners, two women in the 16th century costumes, accompanied by children, enter to pray before a tomb and effigy. Signed, E. Isabey, and dated '68. 31½" x 24". \$600.

Jean Georges Vibert (French: 1840-1902). "The Culprit"; Depicting a cardinal in scarlet standing in the draped entrance to a blue tiled court, aghast with arms extended, at the wreck of a porcelain vase, while a startled white parrot perches upon the overturned stand. Signed, J. G. Vibert. 25½" x 19½". \$1500.

Jean Jacques Henner (French: 1829-1905). "Head of a Young Girl"; signed, J. J. Henner. 14" x 9½". Brought \$325.

Gentile Bellini (attributed to), (Venetian: 1426-1507). "Portrait of a Doge"; Head-and-shoulders portrait to half left of a Venetian Doge, in state robes. 14½" x 11". Brought \$425.

Jean Giovanni Boldini (Italian: 1845-1931). "La Recitation"; Standing figure before a draped crimson hanging, holding the skirt of a fur-trimmed and embroidered cream-white gown. Signed, G. Boldini, dated 1871. 30" x 21½". \$1050.

Ralph Albert Blakelock, N. A. (American: 1847-1919). "Indian Encampment"; Twilight scene with low trees enclosing a clearing with figures of Indians before teepees. Signed, R. A. Blakelock. 22" x 37". \$175.

Charles Francois Daubigny (French: 1818-1878). "On the River Oise"; Twilight on the banks of a winding river, with peasant woman washing at the water's edge at right, and ducks swimming in the foreground. Signed, Daubigny. 12¾" x 23½". \$300.

Adolf Schreyer (German: 1828-1899). "Pressed by the Wolves"; A traveller on a galloping mount closely followed by a pack horse is escaping through woods on a snow-covered road, with wolves appearing at the right. 14½" x 18". \$650.

Adolf Schreyer. "Arabian Horsemen"; A train of mounted Arab warriors in colorful costumes advancing toward a village, the white walls and dome seen in the distance. Signed, Ad. Schreyer. 33" x 46". \$1800.

Charles Francois Daubigny. "Bords De L'oise A Meriel"; A curving stream with mirror-like surface, bordered at the left by trees in heavy foliage. In the foreground a brood of ducks leave the shore. Signed, Daubigny, and dated 1867. 15" x 26½". \$1500.

Adolf Schreyer. "Roumanian Traveller"; Sunset, with light falling on the distant plains. A sleigh drawn by six spirited galloping horses, one mounted by a Wallachian, crosses the snow-covered foreground towards the right. Signed, Ad. Schreyer. 27" x 39½". \$2500.

John Singleton Copley, R. A. (American: 1737-1815). "Thomas Pownall, Colonial Governor of Massachusetts Bay"; Waistline figure. 30" x 25". \$725.

PAINTINGS—FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Water Color "Venice" by William Gedney Bunce. 13¾" x 10 inches and gold leaf frame. Oil Paintings by Ranger, Couse, Wiggins, Kost. 4½" x 2½" to 14½" x 28 inches. Genuine gold leaf frames. All bright, live subjects, lovely for your home. Write for list. Miss Sara Reitz, Broadacres, Brookville, Pa. ap12512

FOR SALE—Oil paintings of famous trains.—Sokash, 116 Cedar, Pittston, Pa. ja206

FINE PAINTING of pioneer incident in Southwest, dated 1866. 28" x 37", by Ernest Narjot, greatest painter of the early Southwest. See article on Narjot in June Hobbies. Will sell or exchange for rare books.—S. B. C., 25 Greenville, St. Toronto, Canada. mh3621

CLEARANCE of Paintings and Water-colors. Drastic Reductions. Prominent Painters. Photographs available. Send for list.—N. Rowe, 789 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. fs

OIL PAINTING ON GLASS, ship "Great Republic," 15½" x 20½"; several old ship portraits; also paintings to order from your small pictures, people, homes or ships.—Susan Andersen, Andersen's Antique Shop, 714 Main St., Bangor, Me. ja6441

OLD PRINTS

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ments. Along with misery and drabness came a remarkable change, since no longer was any citizen untouched or immune when his country made war. Having no splendors to portray, the artists now turned to the sufferings, privations, and sacrifices inflicted on all. His scope was unlimited and his sympathies were entirely with the common soldier. At the time his work is invariably an articulate, vigorous, and accepted protest against war and destruction.

"During the years 1914-1918", Mr. Rossiter continued, "even the ephemeral poster was found to be a most efficient projectile, and while sentiment was some times cheap or its appeal vulgar, it answered the needs of the moment. Actually it illustrated every phase of the Great War, and in the twenty thousand examples collected by the Imperial War Museum, London, might be traced the political and economic history of the belligerent nations over a period of four years. Our two galleries of posters and proclamations speak eloquently of the fervor and hysteria induced and sanctioned by war.

"It cannot be urged that this exhibition of war prints and drawings sets the pulses tingling or reaches aesthetic heights. It plumbs some depths, however, and drives home certain truths which in the face of present day events are worth reconsidering. Any visitor after seeing it might well feel on reflection an increased respect for the humble geranium flowering on the windowsill."

In assembling the collection, the Curator of Prints has drawn heavily on the Department's own collections, to which John T. Spaulding added more than sixteen hundred items last year. Gratitude also is due the National Gallery of Canada for the privilege of combing its vast store of war memorials, and to W. G. Russell Allen, Kerr Eby, one of the ablest of the Great War artists, and to Mr. Spaulding for further important loans.

With the Dealers

Howard Porter of The Old Print Exchange, New York City, is issuing a house organ, which catalogs and illustrates in an interesting, informal and chatty style various selections from his stock.

F. A. Cunningham has opened a print shop in Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y. Mr. Cunningham has recently searched out and photographed about a thousand unlisted Currier & Ives which, we understand, he plans to compile in book form.

Book on Flower and Fruit Prints

The last few years have brought a growing interest in old flower and fruit prints, not that there has ever been a lack of interest in this particular field.

Gordon Dunthorne, a Chicago connoisseur, who has specialized in this field and collected a vast amount of material on the subject in addition to a large collection of old flower and fruit prints, has recently issued a book on the subject, confining it to prints of the 17th and 18th centuries.

The Lakeside Press, Chicago, known for the high quality of the typography and printing that comprises its publications, is the publisher. The edition is limited and the price \$20.

MUSEUMS

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tions of Colonel Roosevelt, nevertheless there is a large field of collecting open in the literature about him. This naturally divides into biographies; books with chapters and shorter articles on him; books containing poems about him; memoirs of his contemporaries; books of American history, evaluating him in the light of the history of his country. And after and above all these, the endless magazine and pamphlet literature about him.

To round out the whole, one thinks of portrayals of the man, which immediately subdivide into various categories such as: original paintings, original etchings and drawings, photographs and sculptured studies. Then comes the big field of caricatures and cartoons—a field sufficient of itself for a collector! And one can go even further afield into the realm of sheet music, china and glassware, campaign buttons and badges, political broadsides and brochures and the like.

Few private collectors could ever hope to realize an ambition embracing all the above with any degree of comprehensiveness. There is one library, however,—the Roosevelt House Library and Museum—which has covered all these fields and has, without doubt, the most complete collection of Theodore Rooseveltiana in existence. One might say that it took not one man, but the whole nation to provide this library with its collection, for donations were received from a popular nation-wide drive to found the Roosevelt Memorial Association which maintains the library.

The fundamental aspiration of the Roosevelt Memorial Association has always been to maintain a *living* memorial to Theodore Roosevelt, whereby his memory and his high ideals of citizenship might be kept

ever before the people. What better instrument could there be than a library wherein is collected everything about him, and to which anyone may turn for correct information! On the third floor of the Roosevelt House, the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt, the library is housed in a handsome room running the depth of the building. Dark oak panelling, with glass doors to the book cases, and indirect lighting coming from the tops of these book cases, make a fitting and dignified setting for the collection.

The collection is about two thirds catalogued, according to a special classification scheme elaborated by the librarian to fit this special collection, and in accordance with approved library methods. The underlying plan is a chronological one following the obvious divisions of Theodore Roosevelt's life. A carefully wrought bibliography of the writings of Colonel Roosevelt was prepared by the former librarian, R. W. G. Vail, now of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Mass. Although this has not as yet been published, it is in the library for consultation.

The Roosevelt House Library is a service library. We welcome inquiries from each and all. We hope that some of the readers of *HOBBIES* are interested in collecting in this field and that they will call upon us as their need arises.

M-I-O Conference to Meet at Grand Rapids in 1939

The Michigan-Indiana-Ohio association of the American Associations of Museums voted at its annual meetings in Richmond, Ind., to hold its 1939 meeting in Grand Rapids.

Officers elected for the 1939 term are: President, Edward M. Brigham, Jr., director of the Public School Museum, Battle Creek; vice presidents, Frank L. DuMond, director of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Miss Kaloolah Howe, curator of the Museum of Arts, Sciences and History, Evansville, and Earl Barnhart, president of the Ross County Historical Society; secretary-treasurer, Miss Anna H. Stanfield, curator of the Northern Indiana Historical Society, South Bend.

Marine Museum

The Mariners' Museum at Newport News, Va., has recently produced a 30-inch racing yacht, "Dilemma II," named after the famous racing yacht designed by the late N. G. Herreshoff in 1891. Three full scale blueprint plans showing lines, hull construction, and rigging and sail plan are available at cost, 75c per set. The bulk of the material for making the model are also available at cost, which is \$3.25.

STAMPS

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Thoughts and Afterthoughts

By L. A. BEEBE

AIR MAIL vs SPECIAL DELIVERY. Two different propositions, one for distance and the other for nearby out-of-office hours delivery. When the two were combined in the 16c stamp James Aloysius and others thought they had hit upon a plan to pep up postal receipts.

Just to illustrate a point. I had some surplus unused, fair condition, special delivery stamps to dispose of for a mail order house who had accumulated them from customers. There were 10c, 15c and 20c ones. The 10 centers went satisfactorily while the 15c and 20c were a drug on the market. The demand was for air mails. The few 10c in the lot were eagerly snapped up.

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U. S.—As any reader of the classified ads in *HOBBIES* must be aware, there is a market and demand for unused U. S. of all denominations. The broker in this line works on a very narrow margin, 5% to 15%, but he fills a useful niche in the stamp business. Many cigar stands in the lobbies of large office buildings carry stamps as a convenience to tenants, and as they get "face" for the stamps, the small discount at which they buy is all velvet. From a long experience in handling stamps of all kinds I have come to the conclusion that brokers discounting at moderate percentages are usually doing a needed service to those who receive a surplus of stamps as remittances, but the chaps who are always ready to buy up to 50% discount will bear watching, and are watched by Post-office Inspectors.

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SUSAN Bs—The Susan B is one Commemorative that comes through smiling—better centered and more lightly canceled than the majority of commemoratives, but when you go over 75,000,000 Mr. Postmaster General, you provide a surplus and I don't mean maybe.

METER CANCELLATIONS —

Some years ago I had a friend who collected meter cancellations and while he would never pay anything for them I was perfectly willing to save them for him as long as he lived in Yonkers and we were swapping other items, but when he moved out of town it became something of a nuisance, although he was willing to refund postage, but as he said he never expected to get anything for them he was unwilling to spend even as much as 10c per hundred for them.

I wonder if he has changed his mind about getting anything for them as now that interest in slogan meters and even plain meters has led to the organization of societies of members collecting them; he might be able to exchange even his duplicates for stamps.

Also, I'm glad to see there are collectors—perhaps graduates from 2x4 postmarks, who are satisfied with two inch strips across the envelope giving the full meter cancellation and name and address of the permit holder, rather than hold out, as some do, for the entire cover.

When meter covers get into the money class, like good foreign covers with worth while stamps, air mails, etc., there will be some sense in demanding the full cover, but that time is not here yet.

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SWEDES—Never did go in for sheets, having confined my attention to used U.S. commemoratives, but this search for well centered Swedes gave me an urge to do something with sheets. In my Floating Stamp Shop on the Hudson River Day Line in 1936 (commented on favorably by the Associated Press) I used a few sheets like the 5c Aeronautic, 4c bi-centennial, and Pulaski as wall decorations, and they went so strong that it occurred to me to frame some of the Swedes. Found by getting ten at a time I could get them so inexpensively that I could offer the sheet,

framed, for a couple of dollars, probably rising a bit after the issue "goes off sale."

Uncle Sam's Issues For December

The origin of the designs of the postage stamps of the regular series for December and the designers and engravers of each are as follows:

24-cent Benjamin Harrison—From a bust by Adolph Weiman, now at the John Herrin Art Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana. Designer: Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. Engravers: Portrait—Charles A. Brooks; Lettering—James T. Vail. First day sale—December 2.

25-cent William McKinley—From Presidential medal furnished by the United States Mint. Designer: Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. Engravers: Portrait—James R. Lowe; Lettering—James T. Vail. First day sale—December 2.

30-cent Theodore Roosevelt—From a bust by James E. Fraser, now in the United States Senate. Designer: William Roach. Engravers: Portrait—James R. Lowe; Lettering—Alton Payne. First day sale—December 8.

50-cent William Howard Taft—From a photograph by Harris & Ewing, now in the Library of the Philadelphia Bulletin, Philadelphia, Pa. Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Portrait—Harry R. Rollins; Lettering—James T. Vail. First day sale—December 8.

First day sales of the 19-cent Hayes and the 20-cent Garfield postage stamp of the new regular series which were placed on sale at the Washington, D. C. post office on November 10 are as follows: There were \$16,418.85 received from the sale of the 19-cent Hayes stamp. The total number of stamps sold was 86,415 and there were 54,030 first day covers canceled which included 6,049 covers bearing blocks of four stamps. Sales of the 20-cent Garfield stamp amounted to \$17,161, representing a total of 85,805 stamps sold. There were 44,938 covers canceled, 5,977 of which carried blocks of four. There were 436 covers canceled which bore both the Hayes and Garfield stamps.

Looking Forward

Postmaster General James A. Farley announced on November 22, that he had already authorized the issuance of four new postage stamps as part of the Post Office Department's 1939 stamp program.

The four new stamps and the occasion and date of their issuance follow: Golden Gate International Exposition stamp, February 18; stamp commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Inauguration of Washington as First President, New York, N. Y., April 30; New York World's Fair stamp, April 30; and a stamp commemorating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Opening of the Panama Canal, August 15.

Each of these new issues will be in the three-cent denomination, and the place of first-day sale of the Golden Gate and Washington Inaugural stamps will be San Francisco and New York, respectively.

The place of first-day sale of both the World's Fair and Panama Canal stamps will be announced later by the Post Office Department as will also the other details of the new stamps such as design, color, etc.

Total first-day covers of the 20-cent Garfield postage stamp on November 10, at Washington, D. C., amounted to 51,971 instead of 44,938 as previously announced.

"The Bible on Stamps"

Attending the meeting of a church association of which he is a member, W. Lloyd Heath, well known stamp collector, and a member of the Library Committee of "The New York City Collectors Club", contended during the course of a conversation that there was not a subject in this world that could not be illustrated appropriately with postage stamps. The minister took him up, stating that there was one, namely the Bible. To prove his point Mr. Heath started what has since turned out to be a most interesting exhibit to collectors and non-collectors, "The Bible on Stamps."

Mr. Heath was scheduled to show this collection, with a short talk on the subject, on December 8, at the meeting of the "Women's Philatelic Society of New York City."

Coolidge Stamp Sale

First day sale of the \$5 Coolidge stamp of the new regular series at the Washington, D. C., post office, November 17, was announced recently by the Post Office Department. The amount received from this sale was \$98,000.00, representing a total of 19,600 stamps sold. First day covers canceled amounted to 15,615, which included 766 bearing blocks of four.

Arthur and Cleveland

First day sales of the 21-cent Arthur and the 22-cent Cleveland postage stamps of the new regular series which were placed on sale at the Washington, D. C., post office on November 22 totaled as follows:

There were \$16,455.83 received from the sale of the 21-cent Arthur stamp. The total number of stamps sold was 78,359 and there were 44,367 covers canceled which included 5,029 covers bearing blocks of four stamps.

Sales of the 22-cent Cleveland stamp amounted to \$16,265.48, representing a total of 73,934 stamps sold. There were 44,358 covers canceled, 4,818 of which carried blocks of four.

There were 194 covers canceled with both the Arthur and Cleveland stamps affixed.

National Stamp Congress and Exhibition

The American Stamp Association is sponsoring the National Stamp Congress and Exhibition which will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Winthrop, Tacoma, Wash., January 7-8. Several philatelic organizations will participate according to a release from the Society.

Mrs. Clara J. Camby, 324 Perkins Bldg., Tacoma, Wash., has been appointed chairman of the "National Stamp Congress and Exhibit" which is being sponsored by the American Stamp Association. This is the first time that a woman has acted as chairman for a national stamp show.

Frank M. Kellogg is secretary of the committee and other members are: Mrs. E. W. Bonney, Mrs. R. J. Kapphahn, Mrs. Edwin Lindberg, Miss Mary E. Pollock, Mrs. Lucy Wester, Miss Gertrude M. Wetzel, Mrs. E. D. Whitney, C. Edward Cedar, Dr. Arthur S. Monzingo, Dr. Arthur E. Nordi, O. H. Sluth, L. B. Tendick and Charles E. Winegar.

Tacoma Stamp Club, Chapter No. 1, of the American Stamp Association, will be the host to the congress and exhibit.

Collectors interested are asked to write Mrs. Camby for information regarding exhibits, attendance at the congress, etc.

Cachets

Wm. P. Gabel, 10600 Thrush Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, is sponsoring bi-color printed pictorial cachets for the following U. S. Presidents from their birth places:

December 29, Johnson; January 1, New Years; and January 7, Fillmore. 1c per cover forwarding ten days before each event.

Gibson City, Ill., post office dedication. Send covers to Murray, 516 East Jefferson Street, Clinton, Ill. One cent forwarding fee.

Jottings

Mrs. M. Ohlman is now her husband's secretary and office assistant in his stamp business. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ohlman extend a welcome to their many friends to visit them when in New York City.

The Texas Precancel Stamp Society, in a recent meeting at Galveston, passed a motion to invite the officers and directors of the Precancel Stamp Society to hold its annual convention for 1940 in Houston.

Judging by a recent list of Robert R. Safarid, New York State, collecting World War A. E. F. covers is coming in for its share of attention. Mr. Safarid lists 315 items with the lowest price being about 25c and the highest \$5.

William M. Stuart, editor of the stamp department of the Washington Post, makes another good suggestion in a recent issue of his column. Says he:

"There is one stamp that undoubtedly would be most popular yet has not been mentioned officially. A commemorative stamp honoring the visit to the United States of the King and Queen of the British Empire next year. A five-cent denomination to carry mail across the Atlantic is suggested."

Ray E. Setti, proprietor of "The Brooklyn Stamp Mart," for eighteen years, has added a line of coins and now operates under the name, The Brooklyn Stamp & Coin Co. To facilitate his expansion Mr. Setti has moved to new and larger quarters at 424 Henry St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Detroit's first stamp bourse met with good response says a release. Future sessions will be held the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Fort Wayne Hotel.

Death of Prominent Woman Philatelist

Mrs. D. Blake Battles, nee Anna Schaefer, prominent stamp collector and dealer of Akron, Ohio, passed away in that city recently. Mrs. Battles served for several years as the secretary of the Rubber City Stamp club and was well known in philatelic circles. Besides her husband, also a prominent stamp collector and dealer of Akron, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Anna Schaefer, and a brother, Carl L. Schaefer.

U. S. and British N. A. List

H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, Mass., has just released a new edition of their price list on "United States, U. S. Possessions and British North America," issues. U. S. issues are practically complete to date including the recent presidentials.

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Announcing New Coils

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30—Announcement was made at the Post Office Department today that arrangements are being made for the issuance of coils and books containing stamps of the new designs heretofore placed on sale in sheet form only.

The new coils in the sidewise perforated variety only will be first placed on sale in Washington, D. C. on January 20, 1939, in the following denominations: 1-cent, 1½-cent, 2-cent, 3-cent, 4-cent, 4½-cent, 5-cent, 6-cent and 10-cent.

Collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the new coil stamps may send not more than ten addressed covers for each of the above denominations to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., with a cash or postal money order remittance covering the exact amount of postage required. It will be necessary to allow for three 1-cent, two 1½-cent, and two 2-cent stamps on each cover to meet the first-class postage rate for other than local delivery. Due to the conditions of manufacture, assurance can not be given that stamps of selected quality will be used on covers serviced in the Washington post office. Mail order requests for first-day cover service of sidewise coil stamps must reach the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., not later than January 15, 1939. The new coils in the endwise perforated variety, as well as books containing new design stamps in the same combinations as at present available, will be first placed on sale in Washington, D. C. on January 27, 1939, in the following denominations: Endwise coils—1-cent, 1½-cent, 2-cent and 3-cent; Stamp Books—1-cent, 2-cent and 3-cent.

Similar conditions will apply to those desiring first-day covers of endwise coils and book panes as those governing the issuance of sidewise coils. Orders for endwise coils and book panes, however, must reach the Postmaster, Washington, D. C. not later than January 22, 1939. Covers will not, however, be serviced with less than full panes of six each of book stamps.

Endwise coil and book panes will be affixed vertically at the right margin of the covers, requiring a space 3¼ inches square for the stamps and postmark. Therefore, cover envelopes for endwise coils and book panes must not be less than 6½ by 3½ inches in dimensions. It will, therefore, be necessary to place the address in the lower left corner of endwise coil and book pane covers to allow free space at the right side for the stamps and postmark.

All covers bearing book panes will be hand canceled, but, so far as practicable, coil covers both endwise and sidewise will be machine canceled.

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HERE we are on the threshold of another year! The past year has gone forever; the future lies before us, and we think of our dear friends of by-gone days, and to reach you all with a hearty good wish for a happy and prosperous year of health and joy. Let us all, each and every one, have more confidence and faith in each other, for that is the basic principle of religion, prosperity, friendship and happiness. Loyalty, faith and confidence in the country we are living in, combating jealousy, unfriendly feelings, and those who know not the Golden Rule.

To all the old-timers, and to all your dear ones, the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx sends greetings of love, faith, hope and good-will—that each of you shall enjoy a most blessed 1939. What a joy it would be if we could only stand face to face, and repeat this greeting to you all.

Right here it is fitting that the splendid men and women who banded together in our Phalanx should hear the remarks of the many speakers at our past conclave. Summed up, here are a few: Too bad so many clubs have in their ranks jealous members, jealous of their fellow-members and of other clubs. That we will arrive to inculcate a more friendly spirit of good-will amongst all clubs and their members. That we stand upon a high plane of national and international friendship and harmony. And, that our Phalanx members be encouraged to visit, join or be friendly to all recognized philatelic societies. It was decided to make our annual conclave with one of the larger societies that are friendly towards the old-timers, changing each year, so that our conclaves can cover all parts of the U. S.

As San Francisco will see the A.P.S. convention in September, 1939, the Phalanx will hold their conclave before or after that event. This means that the big 1940 Jubilee Centenary of the adhesive postage stamp will likely be held on the Atlantic seaboard, to give the many hundreds of the old-timers in that section their recognized due.

Poring over some of my old mementoes of the past century I ran across a file of old letters and papers. I notice the Detroit Philatelist, published by Crittenden & Bergman, in Michigan, in January, 1893, just 45 years ago. Also, the famous DeCoppett stamp collection was then to

be sold in New York. The Missouri Philatelist was consolidated with "The Stamp," and Charlie Severn was to conduct a department in same. Bogert & Durbin was to sell the stamp collections of McCalla and McAllister, who published the Quaker City Philatelist. Our worthy Phalanx brother, J. W. Stowell, was turning out a real philatelic journal, the Long Island Philatelist, formerly owned by W. B. Ogden. C. D. Reimers, formerly of the Western Philatelist, took charge of the Eagle Philatelist. I saw him with A. P. Hosmer in Chicago during the Columbian Exposition.

The A.P.S. has done a great work in issuing the book, called "The Penny Black of Great Britain," a beautiful and correct history of the first adhesive postage stamp in the world. Brother J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md., sends me a copy of this "Philatelic Bible," which is to be used extensively by the old-timers in the coming 1940 Centenary.

Of intense interest to all the old-timers is the sparkling vitality of such a great number of the pioneers in Philately. In my December article I gave a few of these, to whom we have given the honorary title of "Centurions,"—not because they were approaching a century in age, like myself, but, because a "Centurion" is young in heart and spirit, and fit to command a "Phalanx," as in the days of old Rome. A few more of our old-timers in the ranks of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx, all 70 years young or over listed in this issue, as a mark of esteem to those gallant men who are to be placed in the philatelic archives as having helped to place postage stamp collecting upon a high plane. The list below is only a continuation of the list in HOBBIES last month, and we will continue further lists of those who are entitled to all the honor that can be given to them. It has been hinted that "seeing names in a paper" may not be desired by those not listed, and the purpose of placing same here is the desire of the old-timer Phalanx to know who are still in the "Land of the Living."

Here are some more of the honorary "centurions," with their ages in brackets: Thos. W. Shallenberger (89) Iowa; Richard J. Hummel (80) Louisiana; Anton Gartland (80) Washington State; Wm. P. Campbell (80) Oregon; Willard O. Wylie (75) Massachusetts; Guy C. Phillips (72) Maine; Wm. C. Stone, charter member (79) Massachusetts; Herbert E. Kendall (71) N. H.; Dr. I. L. Nascher, MD (74) N. Y.; C. F. Richards

(71) N. Y.; Edgar Nelson-Bradford (78) Conn.; S. M. Wilkerson (70) Arkansas; Rev. A. S. Bringle (70) Kansas; Newton Sample (72) Calif.; Chas. DeSelms (70) Calif.; Geo. H. Saxe (73) N. Y.; Wm. DeBruyn Kops (71) So. Carolina; Geo. A. Katzenberger (71) Ohio; Benjamin J. Weeks (82) Washington State; Jno. Dolle, (75) Washington State; Geo. W. Bye (78) Pennsylvania; F. G. Blaisdell (74) Arizona; Jno. J. Spencer (78) Michigan; J. E. Scott (71) Michigan. All honor to these and to all others that will be given in our next article. The printed names may be of no use to those who do not regard the "Boys of the 19th Century" who started real Philately. We wonder why the term "philatelic" is not desired by an odd one here and there.

Amongst our staunch old-timers the name of Benjamin J. Weeks stands out. Born in Exeter, N. H., 82 years ago, he has collected postage stamps for seventy years and over, in fact, he is one of the oldest continuous collectors now living. He is still hale and hearty, and I had the very great pleasure of interviewing him and chatting over our boyhood days during my recent trip to Washington State, on the beautiful Puget Sound. For seven decades he has stuck to postage stamp collecting. He was one of the board of directors of the old Boston & Quincy Ry., before taking Horace Greeley's advice and going west, to become superintendent of the Tacoma Ry. system. He went to Spokane in 1904 to manage the street car system there. He started collecting stamps in Boston, Mass., when a boy friend showed his collection, and guided young Weeks to shipping offices to pick up old cancelled stamps. He has sold five collections and started again after each sale. He is a real philatelist. He is personally acquainted with President Roosevelt, Postmaster-General Farley and Ex-President Hoover. My talks with our Brother Weeks was one of my trip's delights, and we are both figuring upon the time when we shall meet again (D.V.), at the Annual Conclave of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx, when we hold our World's Congress in San Francisco, September 1939, at the same time as the A.P.S. convention.

An even older stamp collector is the Hon. Thomas M. Shallenberger, of Iowa, a distinguished member of our Phalanx. He was born in Illinois, June 26, 1850, and was over ten years of age when the U. S. Civil War started. Now going on his 89th year he has full possession of all his faculties, writes and thinks clearly. He is a member of the A.F.A.M., 32nd degree, and honorary patron of the Adelpic command. He writes, "I started stamp collecting in the summer of 1862, and my membership in the Phalanx is the first time I got

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Nearly forty years ago I was on a trip to Ohio visiting the big lumber, electrical and other manufacturing plants, writing for my trade journals and getting new advertising. I visited all the big centers from Toledo to Cincinnati, from Cleveland to Youngstown, and then to Akron to interview the rubber magnates. As I had been nearly thirty years before that a stamp collector, I looked up a stamp man I had corresponded with many years before, and that man is living today, in the person of Charles A. Townsend. At the time I met him he was a P. O. letter-carrier. Charlie was born in Dunkirk, N. Y., in 1861, and is now seventy-seven years of age. He started "dealing" in stamps about February 1879, having started collecting in 1870. He was one of the early A.P.A. members, and is today one of the first oldest dozen in the present A.P.S. When I was in Cleveland I endeavored to get in touch with him, but, time did not allow, so had one of our old-timers took my message. Result—my old friend Charlie is now on the honor roll of "Centurions" in the Phalanx. He has written me a nice letter of our boyhood days. He was the very first to advertise and sell "penny approvals", and built up a very fine trade—a clean-cut honest dealer that we all know for his sturdy integrity. He writes me, "I regret so much time has elapsed before answering your kindly letter, and I thank you for the honor of enrolling me. The delay was caused by an accident, falling from a step in our basement, so I was unable to do anything, and I have no one now to help me. Yes, as you know, I started selling stamps at one cent each over forty-one years ago. First, I sold my better stamps, then bulked everything left at a penny apiece. Then, I got the surprise of my life! I had all my stock in a shoe-box, and orders came in by hundreds, all crying for more—more! At my age it is mighty nice and pleasant to reflect upon the past, with the knowledge that I always gave full value—and more. Now and again,

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It is reported that there is a possibility that both the New York and San Francisco Expositions may remain open for 1939 and 1940. If so, it will enable our tourists, and those who make one long trip each year, to take in the philatelic conventions at both Atlantic and Pacific coasts. In any case it will work fine for our Phalanx members, especially the more elderly ones.

During my most pleasant visit to Cleveland, Ohio, where I spoke to the Garfield-Perry Club, one of its members kindly gave me a parody he had made on Kipling's "Last Picture." It was so good that I read it at the Pioneer Phalanx Conclave at Chicago, where it seemed to make a hit. So, here it is, so you can laugh and grow fat:—

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Thus, each of these covers so sent carries the cancellation mark on the dedication day at Barrow, Alaska, and also the cancellation mark on the dedication day at Claremore, Okla. One is the birth date and the other the death of this great man.

These covers will be of great value some day, because they were not released in great quantities.

There were naturally but a few complaints where covers were addressed wrong, or lost or for some other reason did not reach the buyer. These will be replaced.

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Since many persons have written for pictures, we have made arrangements with a photographic firm in Dallas, Tex., whereby we shall be able to meet all of these requests. We have chosen from the hundreds of pictures made two for distribution to the public. Both of these are views of the Memorial. One is a remarkably clear and artistic view of the Memorial against a background of the Arctic Ocean and sky. This picture has been presented to Governor Allred of Texas as a sign of our appreciation for his official backing and personal interest in the expedition. This picture shows the PANDORA, which made the 9,000 mile journey, and in which members of the expedition lived approximately four months.

The other picture shows the Memorial in silhouette against the late

evening sky with sunshine reflected in both the Arctic Ocean and Wallakpa Lagoon, in which the crash occurred. The exact site of the crash is visible. Members of the Expedition appear in this picture as construction of the Memorial nears completion. Each of these pictures (5" x 7") are 25c.

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The complete sheet is illustrated and the four types can now be easily seen, supplemented by the description of the variations given.

It is to be noted that four different types of ornament were used—(1) corner ornaments with ovals of solid color; (2) loops in units of two, like two "eights" with flat tops; (3) double X's; (4) trifoliates. The border is made up of four corner ornaments, seven units of loops top and bottom and six on each side.

In three of the stamps the corner ornaments have ovals of solid color cutting the corners and identically placed in Types I and IV, but in Type III the upper and lower right ovals point to the center instead of cutting the corners; in Type II, the space between "C.S.A." and "Postage" is filled with loop units ornamentally placed, while in the other three types, the space is filled with double X's.

The minute differences are described as follows:

Type I. The loops or figures of "S" have the flat tops turned in, except in the left border, in which the second from the top and the lowest one face outward. The loops on both sides are separated into groups of three by a small dash opposite the center line. In the corner ornaments, the ovals of solid color cut the squares diagonally.

Type II. No ornaments with ovals

of solid color, the only one of the four types without them; the top border of loops is inverted, the flat tops being turned outward. The six pairs of loops or "eights" on the sides are separated into groups of two and four; the top corners show trifoliolate ornaments, the lower left corner the "eights" with flat tops outward. Those on the left side of "C.S.A." show the flat side face inward, while the right one is inverted; under the letters "C.S.A." loops are used instead of double X's.

Type III. The ornaments in the upper and lower right corners have the ovals of solid color pointing toward the center. The second ornament in the top border is trifoliolate and the units of loops or "eights", at the sides, are separated by the dash into groups of one and five; dashes outside of "C" and "A" and none between the loops and the border ornamented on the same line.

Type IV. Corner ovals, the same as in Type I; loops or "eights" at the sides separated into groups of two and four. Unit to left of "Postage" has flat tops turned in instead of out. There is a dash to the right of "A" and dots instead of dashes between the loops and the border ornament on the same line.

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The proof of the first Canadian postage stamp has recently found its way to the collection of H. Borden Clarke of Ottawa, after having been lost for many years, according to a report in the Ottawa Journal.

The stamp, known as the three-penny beaver which was designed by the late Sir Sandford Fleming, was found mounted on a page of Sir Sandford's diary, dated Monday, February 24, 1851. On the same page appeared these notations in Sir Sandford's handwriting: "Had Breakfast at the hotel with Mr. Rutten and Hon. James Morris, post-master general, designing postage stamp for him."

This first stamp bears the inscription, "Canada Postage, V.R. Three Pence," with a beaver surmounted by a crown in the center.

In commenting upon his search and discovery of this proof Mr. Clarke says:

"An interesting bit of historical fact to be added is that during the search for this original printing of the first stamp of Canada, in Sir Sandford's cellar (during which I examined many trunks loaded with his documents, letters, etc., I learned just HOW and WHY he came to design the Beaver and push its use through Parliament.

"Sir Sandford Fleming was the founder of the C.P.R., the world's greatest Railroad system. He also was Father of "Standard Time" around the world. He also was connected with the first world cable (The Pacific and Empire Cable Board).

In 1850 he was becoming recognized as an engineer, having just laid out the new plans for Toronto, and completing the highway from Toronto to Hamilton. His daily mail was becoming heavy and the burden of waiting before a post office wicket nightly to have his letters weighed, and marked, and paid for, one by one, (as was necessary before stamps), increasingly aroused his wrath. He was also engaged to Miss Hall, daughter of Sheriff Hall of Peterboro, Ont., and never failed a nightly letter to her, regardless of his location, or press of work.

"I found many of his letters to her, dwelling on "this post office nuisance" and his determination to "do something about it."

"Finally in 1850 he designed the Beaver stamp (Canada's national industry and emblem) and sent it to New York engravers for samples of proofs in various colors. He chose the vermilion from those sent back, and after many struggles in Parliament he had the bill passed, and the first issue was circulated.

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for the public), attached to the diary page for the day Sir Sandford had his conference with the Postmaster General and obtained the official order to proceed. The two naturally go together, so I have kept them intact as found. Gibbons Catalog officially designates Fleming as the designer of the Beaver in 1851, in their Canada section, and Fred Jarrett gives the details of the plates, etc., in his specialized Canada Catalog.

"The many weird objections raised by members of Parliament against Fleming's proposal for an adhesive stamp can be read in Hansard and

are both humorous and interesting... one pioneer orator took the floor of the House and shouted 'this idea is insane... these things will stick together, fall apart, be lost... people won't tolerate them'.

"Another urged wrathfully that these stickers would be counterfeited instantly and the government be carrying free mail in thirty days, etc."

In time Mr. Clarke intends to lend or give the stamp to the Dominion archives for public examination. Naturally he values it highly.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By FRANK L. COES

New Album Pages

THAT we have a fine example of the coming 100 year celebration in Britain, and what it can be depended on to produce. The current Godden house organ shows the new album pages for the line engraved issues, beginning with the Penny Black.

The page titles in Spencerian or copper plate script, and of course, plenty of space for samples, plate varieties and cancellations.

Perhaps the strangest criticism of such an elaborate and outstanding effort to make a really high grade page for this purpose came from a little Cockney. "That is tempting all the youth to turn into the great British pest, and become 'bloaters'."

To him a bloater is a man who is not satisfied with a single copy "each way" or a few to illustrate special plate marks and use, but who "bloats" by amassing page after page of the same thing, to the evident damage of youth and the student, both by reducing the supply and raising the price on visible remainders. This is possible because the supplies did not run in many issues to hundreds of millions, like the current issues here.

Going further he said "The blighters can't take the stuff with him, and if I know anything about executors, some dealer will get it at gift prices and the market condition will remain unimproved." Maybe he is right.

However, going back to the line engraved album pages, why should we print out lettering when we write up a page? This Spencerian hand light and clear is easy reading. It is less evident among the stamps than typing or lettering by the modern machine methods (machine is not the word, but mechanical might not convey the idea). It is of course difficult to keep uniform, but there are ways around that trouble. And it is rather fitting as a comparison to the beauties of British line engraved issues.

Might try a few experiments yourself. One has already appeared. script labels on fine gummed paper of the tint of the page. And they strangely enough, look very well. Stamps are little bits of paper. Their type is smaller than we realize. The least possible ink used on the page adds to the prominence of the attached items, without taking undue prominence for itself as explanatory.

In fact, this is one of the reasons that several major collectors make notes under the stamps in pencil. It is unhandy, requires some turning up of stamps to check data, and of course does not expose the study involved. But the stamps themselves are not damaged by "too much literature". This was the criticism of some pages shown at Philadelphia, where the commemorative was shown used, mint and in block, along with a very complete writeup, and perhaps photos of allied subjects or persons involved. The kick there was "it is too much reading for the attached stamps". Instead of being philately it is literature with philatelic illustrations.

I don't agree with that, nor does it seem sound criticism, for the chances are that the owner-student has plenty more on the next page, or in a duplicating volume that cover all the philatelic phases of the issue, along with first days, freaks and misfires.

And the little guy says over my shoulder (not so sotto voce either) "And that means more bloating by folks that should help others."

New Topical

SPEAKING of misfires, which word may mean little or nothing to most of us. A pretty interesting volume was shown recently as a topical headed, "postal errors". Covers with wrong rates, covers not cancelled, mis-delivered and mis-read addresses, wrong computations, which are never corrected, of course. Perhaps one of

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the strangest of these is checking a man as deceased and returning the letter, rather than hand to "searcher" for checking with other tenants. Might surprise some to know that three of these occurred in one city in one month, all widely separated, and not the same carrier. Might be another evidence of the damage the "floater" has done to the delivery service.

But with that topical title, our now mounting list crosses the century mark. One hundred topical headings. And—the major thing these topical trends force is catalog study. You'd be surprised to see what study can produce.

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Excessive

WE can add to the comment on the dwindling first day-covers of the Constitution or Presidential set in the dollar values.

Letters from Italy seem to indicate that the now checking flood there is even less enthusiastically received and their sales have dwindled to a dribble. Deservedly so, just as here. Too much "made to sell" stuff, and because it is not denied it is intended for profit—(only?) it becomes a burden, a nauseating excess of useless items, which are not even "promotional propaganda", just tiresome reiteration. The boom is about run out on new issue income. In some localities where the postmasters found profit in service, and put in their brightest clerk to harvest the coins, there has been a reversal. The bright clerk has gone from the window. He is replaced by an unwilling and unlearned (in philately) window man, seemingly with no orders about serving the stamp collectors. Of course this is immediately reflected in protests, and may eventually bring some buyers to the Bureau, but mostly they grouse and let the dealer take the trouble, the worry and the investment. Either way the P. O. loses.

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Problems

STRANGE how many people in far separated towns seem to think alike. Numerous examples would make a section of these things with no additional matter.

A letter received from the White Mountains on September 26 from a hay fever sufferer waiting for first frost, and whose annual hobby during the period is stamps. Quote: "Time some one took a hand at devaluing or properly placing the words—expert-specialist and specialist-dealer. Recently I wanted material for plating a Scandinavian standard (Norse post horns of the early issues) and wrote a party with a high hat address for material. Of course we all know that some of these

have not been plated by the 'shingling' method because of lack of pairs. I mentioned that several in Europe had sent material and allowed me to select and buy as available, and suggested that he do the same.

No, he had no time to hunt the numbers I wanted, nor to send them for examination, but would 'allow' any well known collector to examine the stock in New York City, at his office. The thought that arises is: has he a stock (as such), does he know the varieties himself (if he does he is an unusual person), and has he anything I can use. Today a letter from a pal says the visible supply of that number is eleven copies. Now, what is this dealer? An expert, an expert-specialist, a specialist-dealer or a plain bluffer? You tell me. I already have an inkling of facts."

As I know the collector pretty well, went to school with him long ago, I think that is pretty well controlled language.

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Grouping

OUR questionnaires are heavy, and we don't offer to answer all or any. But here is one: "What other collections can I group with my stamps and covers?" Start with your book shelf. Add pictures and portraits or miniature statuettes. Historic curios attached to written up pages (this is prominent in the air mail crashes and crashed ship mementoes). Include family history with covers and before stamp covers and documents. If you don't tell what you collect, it would be hard to add more. Why not a discussion of allied sideline groups to complete an initial area or topical?

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Spain

IF you will turn back a few months you will find that it was recommended that you save everything that comes out of Spain. Not because it will all be valuable, but because it may well turn out that some items were not postal franks and others were in some places and not in others. But now add to this Austria, and adjacent areas, and keep your pages filled as well as may be with what was issued from an "erased" country. That is not a prophesy it will stay erased—or that there will not be stamps issued for the area different from German issues—but as you can't tell—do not hesitate to hold what comes your way. After several days reading the last Michel and Gibbons—it seems pretty evident that many issues that are listed are not and never have been catalogued. The world is no smaller—even if we travel faster. It only seems so.

Musical Series

A "writer" in the editorial column of one of the musical papers comments on the European "musical series" and wants a musical series for these United States. As if we did not have trouble enough with our Presidential set going to \$5.00.

But may be a chance to ask him some questions. The Wagnerian set celebrated some "world wide music." The composers along with Handel, Haydn, Beethoven and some others are of world wide reputation, and the set (while its purpose was celebration) was made to sell primarily to collectors.

But, just where has the U. S. got material, musicians, oratorios, operas, legends (like the "Ring" series) or much else to make a fitting background for a musical, or a composer's set?

And as Mrs. Malaprop of the air waves says—"So which?" Collectors have trouble enough without adding musical temperaments and musical celebrations. Musical "topicals" are fine things, but a set to celebrate North America musicians or music would be a failure. The good ones come from the other side of the pond mostly, and our own good ones lack what? Maybe temperament, maybe approval, maybe time. Look the "first chairs" over a little in the orchestras, check the baton wielders, and the vocalists. Then look around for the operas. Have a good time.

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a crop of mail before the major portion of the edition is wholly delivered. But here is a gem that came today. I hope our antiquarian antique pal reads it.

"My nearest neighbor (three miles) one way is a collector of Nicaragua and Salvador. My nearest neighbor the other way collects British Colonies. I collect both. Isn't that lucky, because we meet on patrols and the interest never lags. I am not on a mail route, but the Colonial man collects mail for us others, and HOBBIES—it is the worlds' best only it does not come often enough by three weeks."

I suppose you'd never guess, so I'll tell you—the three are guards on an aqueduct line, and live alone except for the phone and contacts between patrol ends.

Read back a paragraph—what would these three do with a bunch of furniture, or much of anything else but a movable stamp collection and the yen for study. One can study stamps, even if some don't think so, and it is pretty good history as well as geography, and a few other things.

Topicals

THE recent topical on stamps and their connection to "Therapy and Therapeutics" which Rollo, is one way to say "Medicine and Healing by Medicine" has caused many to re-arrange their own topicals or to add notes and reference numbers to already assembled topicals. One lady writes, "I find that my botanical, geographical and ethnological topicals have now many cross references, and I begin to think that perhaps I am much more of a collector than I seemed to be, for I can see that this continued cross reference writing will eventually bring me into desiring the complete sets of several of these most interesting areas." I told her, as I have others, that growth of interest never hurt anyone, and if she could not afford to indulge in all the areas, she would better select those that have special appeal, and personal interest. Then, she may eventually emerge as expertly informed on those areas. Frankly, this opens the way to the possibility previously spoken of, accumulation of interest and extension because of it.

So you head your topical list with a few new ones. "Anachronisms—Therapeutics or Medicinal connection—Heraldic designs—Commercial products."—This last may well be a growing one. The tendency seems for the producing countries to advertise the facts, even in addition to a very generously applied advertising slogan used as a cancellation.

I believe the largest of these slogan cancellation was a three language one used by the Argentine for meats, grains, etc. And in several of these

commerce topicals I see the owner is using the whole cancellation as well as the stamp.

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First Days

THE P. O. left itself open to a few pokes as to the quantity of covers allowed the first day enthusiast. The previous values of the presidential set have specified in very definite terms the number (10 to a person) of first day covers that will be serviced at Washington. But, they removed the prohibition when they advertised the \$1 value with the head of Wilson. Kind of looks as though they didn't even expect one, and because of that and the declined quantity serviced, they then decided that "anything is better than nothing and we won't interfere with collectors—let them buy." Which would have been a paying thing on the low values.

Having thrown economy, facility, speedy handling, flexibility for business mail and a few other things "out the window" they may well consider the help need something to do, and a few thousand \$1 first day envelopes would materially help.

What about the 5-6-7-8 and up going to go back to "ten to a customer?" That would be silly—not to say flying in the face of sense. Biting the hand that reduces the "deficit." The commissioner knows one trick anyway—putting a horseshoe in the glove. Stamps for collectors, and the income is 100% profit. Which one college professor in the midwest says "shows the lightly cancelled item in its true value and throws the desire for 'mint' specimens into the questionable luxury class."

I wonder. Might be something to it. Surely just as much for the student in the cancelled copy, and it is cheaper.

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Lest We Forget!

THAT all hands had better read Historian Hoover's "Tempus Fugit" on page 55 of the June HOBBIES. Might even remind you that you had ancestors, and relations as well as hobbies and interests.

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Precancel News of the Month and Comment

By ALBERT L. JONES

THE 1938 presidential issue now has been precancelled rather extensively and as these stamps come into more general use they are not being scrambled for quite so hysterically as at first.

This should not be interpreted to mean that the Prexies, as this issue has been nicknamed, are less popular for everyone seems to like them and, as sets are formed of the different denominations precancelled, their beauty is brought to one's attention still more forcibly.

Precancel collectors now seem to realize, however, that this presidential series will be with us for some years and that it might be better just now to concentrate on securing items needed of the series just going out of use and which soon may be scarce instead of rushing to get these new prexies and paying needlessly high prices for specimens that may become common.

Rumors of a change in the design of the lower denominations by the addition of frames to make them uniform with the higher denominations and rumors of changes in colors to eliminate some confusion where different denominations have somewhat similar colors tend to keep collectors buying the new stamps precancelled when obtainable at fair prices.

There now have been issued over 100 varieties of bureau precancels ranging from the 1/4c denomination to the 13c and hundreds and hundreds of varieties of city types. One collector has passed the 1,000 mark at this writing.

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The Double Line Electro precancels continue in popularity. A new city has commenced to use DLEs as Falls City, Nebr., is out in the U-15 Double Line type on the 1c presidential stamp. This is the first new city to be announced as using DLEs for several years. Collectors are wondering if this plate has been in this city in cold storage or if the Post Office Department has started to use this type again.

"The Precancel Bee" reports that a six cent denomination (1926 issue) in the DLE type has been found from Quitman, Ga. This is only the fourth stamp to be known to exist from this city in the DLE type there being known, in addition to the newcomer, two copies of the 10c and one of the 5c. A fine copy of a precancel from this town would bring a nice sum if put up at auction. There is a chance

of your finding one. That is one of the things that makes precancel collecting so intriguing.

It should be mentioned though that there is a possibility of Quitman using this plate for precancelling of stamps for use during the holidays and if this should be done the price would be brought down to reasonable limits.

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A box containing an accumulation of precancelled stamps seems to be a usual possession of collectors of other stamps. Frequently the question is asked, "how can I start a collection of precancelled stamps?" Another question asked repeatedly is "should I collect all precancels or confine myself to just one group?"

Let us get organized on this accumulation of precancels. If the stamps have not been removed from the pieces of cover on which they came, place them in a pan of water and let them soak for something like a half-hour. Then place the stamps on newspapers or blotting paper to dry. Be cautious of the use of colored blotting paper as sometimes the colors will transfer to the stamps.

Now let us sort our precancels. We will do this by states. The beginner so often sorts by denominations but sorting and mounting by denominations will be found to be inadvisable when you commence to make contacts with other collectors and dealers. All listings in catalogs are made by states and all dealers have their stocks arranged by states in conformity with the catalog. Collections almost always are arranged by states as also are approval selections generally. Collectors also as a rule keep their stock of duplicates arranged in accordance with this plan.

When you have made your first sorting by states then take the first state (Alabama) alphabetically. You may have few precancels from this state or none at all as they are by no means plentiful. You are not likely to have any from Alaska although there are a few varieties there that have been used. Also you may have none from Arizona and not many from Arkansas. When you come to California you are likely to have a considerable number.

Sort the precancels from each state by cities. Then sort each city into types of precancelling. Then sort each type into issues of stamps. If you have been collecting stamps this will be easy. If you have never collected stamps you will either have to guess more or less at issues or get help from a catalog or a price list or from some stamp collector.

Now you are ready to mount your precancels. For this first mounting there is nothing better than loose-leaf binders and blank unruled pages such as can be secured at your local nickel and dime store. Use peelable hinges as you are likely to find out that many transfers will be necessary. In mounting leave plenty of space for additional varieties. After allowing what you consider an abundance of room for additions you better double that allowance and it is likely that three or four times the amount you considered necessary at first will be needed quite soon. Don't crowd your stamps. Leave plenty of white space. Your stamps will show up better and you will not find it necessary to do so much remounting.

After collecting in this way for some time you will have gained a good general knowledge of precancels and you may find yourself more interested in some particular group or groups and will wish to confine or concentrate your activities in precancels to these groups. In succeeding issues information will be given on some of the groups most popular.

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"NEWS from the SPA Branches"

Conducted by J. EDW. VINING, Vice-President

THE introduction of this new department last month met with favorable comments from many sources. We believe, in time, that this department will prove very popular as it gives each S.P.A. Branch an opportunity to tell others what they are doing to make their meetings interesting.

We had promises from several clubs that a news item would be forthcoming for this issue, but only a few are at hand. It is most important that such articles be in the hands of this writer not later than the 24th of each month. So delegate a member of your publicity committee to send something from your Branch for next issue. Address your mail to 338 E. Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, Mo.

—J. Edw. Vining.

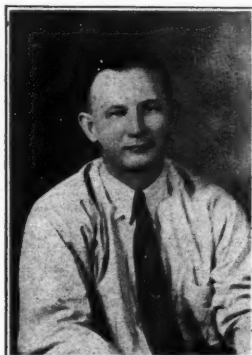
Evansville Stamp Club S. P. A. Branch

The Evansville Stamp Club, an organization about ten years old, meets the first Tuesday and the third Thursday of every month at the Chamber of Commerce, corner of Third & Main Streets. We have some 35 members. Present officers are: President, Dr. Victor Jordan, Jr.; Vice-President, N. W. Scales; Secretary, Hobart Brant; Treasurer, William Hay. All officers are S. P. A. members, and most of them, together with some other members, are regular attendants at S.P.A. and other conventions. William Hay has the very low membership number of 294. Dr. Jordan is well known for his fine collection of Match and Medicines, which are often seen at exhibitions, and Hobart Brant's Black Harding Precancels are also well known.

Our club owns 90 four-page frames for exhibition purposes, and holds its annual exhibition each spring in the Museum of Fine Arts, where the art gallery lighting makes the pages in the frames unusually attractive. Our club will be host for the Indiana-Kentucky-Tennessee area convention of the N.F.S.C. next April, and it is hoped that all cities within convenient distance will send many visitors. Further details will appear in an early number in plenty of time for collectors to make their plans to attend. The Evansville Stamp Club has the distinction of having as one of its members an Ex-president of the S. P. A., Major Guy W. A. Camp, president 1927-29, who is very well

known on Nassau Street and in other philatelic centers. Our club is really a sort of district club, for we have members in Boonville, Oakland City, Jasper, and Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Henderson, Ky. Many of them attend as regularly as our local members.

—Henry A. Meyer.



MR. ROBERT W. YANT

Introducing the New Precancel Sales Manager

Mr. Yant, past President of the McKinley Stamp Club of Canton, Ohio, and at present a member of the executive board has just recently been appointed Sales Manager of the SPA Precancel Department. Mr. Yant was highly recommended for this position, having collected precancels for more than ten years, in addition to his collection of United States and Germany stamps.

He is a member of the P.S.S. and the A.P.S. and is quite active in visiting neighborhood clubs and attending precancel gatherings.

His position as city fireman in Canton gives him ample free time to conduct the affairs of the Precancel Department and correspond with members who wish to sell their stamps.

He asks the cooperation of all members until he becomes fully acquainted with all the details of his department. In due time he will be ready to accept books from members and start sending out circuits. We suggest you communicate with Mr. Yant at 1337 Shriver Ave., N. E., Canton, Ohio.

—J. Edw. Vining.

Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society S.P.A. Branch No. 84

The Third Annual Exhibition of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society was held Saturday and Sunday, November 5th and 6th, and was attended by approximately one thousand interested collectors and non-collectors.

Two hundred and eighty-seven frames were exhibited, covering practically all branches of stamp collecting. For the first time, the Grand Award was won by a member of the Club. This was won by Mr. Anthony Kovanic, President of the Club, for his specialized collection, showing varieties in Czechoslovakian stamps.

Judges for the Exhibition were Walter Emerson, Henry Kuhlman, Robert Gear and Elmer Palka.

Those in attendance were high in their praise of the class of material entered, which resulted in keen competition in all classes. Because of the interest shown in this and previous Exhibits, it is now recognized as one of the finest shows given in the Central West. Guest of honor at the Exhibition was J. Edw. Vining, St. Louis, Missouri, Vice-President of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

—Roman Reinowski, Jr.

A Word from the Vice- President

The list of Regional Vice-President appointments is now being prepared and should be ready for announcement soon. The majority of the Regional Vice-Presidents appointed by Mr. Broderick will hold over. Mr. Broderick had a very capable staff who were active and produced results, hence few changes will be made.

The Regional Vice-Presidents are expected to organize branches of the Society within their territory and to cooperate with the Recruiting Committee, in securing new members. If there is no Regional Vice-President in your area, the undersigned will be glad to correspond with interested members.

—J. Edw. Vining, Vice-President.

Frelinghuysen Collection Sold for \$20,000

The well known stamp collection of the late Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen (Rep. N. J.), brought about \$20,000 at a recent auction in London. A British 20-cent stamp of 1863 brought more than \$250.

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December 1, 1938

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Items for this report must be in the hands of the Secretary, on or before the 24th day of the month preceding publication. Members who fail to receive magazine, should notify the Publisher, but changes of address, to be effective, should be sent to the Secretary and to insure the delivery of the magazine must be received by the Secretary, by the 24th of the month preceding publication.)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Walter E. Baab, 154 Forest Hill Road, West Orange, New Jersey, age 39, credit manager. By R. C. Shipp. (12005)
 Edwin L. Baer, 216 Market Ave., North Canton, Ohio, age 62, merchant. By J. Edw. Vining. (12045)
 Theodore L. Chambers, 1124 Lane Blvd., Kalamazoo, Mich., age 35, publisher. By W. R. Stewart.
 Walter Feldheim, 4660 Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, New York, N. Y., age 32, dealer. By S. J. Falcon. (10305)
 David M. Ferkin, 39 Broadway, New York, N. Y., age 43, dealer. By W. C. Rice. (12305)
 Samuel P. Goldstein, 2637 So. Percy St., Philadelphia, Pa., age 35, salesman. By V. Domanski, Jr. (1x005)
 Prof. George W. Grow, R. D. 4, Morgantown, West Virginia, age 63, prof. W. Y. U. By H. Hussey, R.V.P. (12305)
 Howard L. Hanes, 12 So. Euclid Ave., Pasadena, Calif., age 25, dealer. By E. Q. Lowderback, R.V.P. (00005)
 Rev. C. A. Hedlund, Patterson, California, age 60, clergyman. By Wm. Logan. (10005)
 Lionel Mildare, The British Club, Apartado 2438, Havana, Cuba, age 43, accountant. By F. L. Coes, Sec. (02305)
 W. G. Saxton, First National Bank, Canton, Ohio, age legal, pres. bank. By J. Edw. Vining. (00045)
 Lt. Comdr., John F. Warris, U.S.N., U.S.S. "New York," Norfolk, Va., age 47, U.S. Naval Officer. By W. C. Rice. (12005)
 Mrs. Jennie M. Wright, Box 216, Manito, Illinois, age 60, housewife. By M. E. Robbins. (12x05)

(If no objections are received and references are passed, the above named applicants will be enrolled February 1, 1939, of which fact they will please take notice. Courtesy cards will be mailed as provided by the By-Laws to aid Departmental contact. Please report to the Secretary unsolicited sendings or unethical use of this application list.)

APPLICATIONS FOR RE-INSTATEMENT

7518 Noel Chadwick, 1601 Railway Exchange Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., age 43, insurance. By J. Edw. Vining.
 2865 Harry G. Ream, 1402 Central Tower, Akron, Ohio, age 52, attorney. By H. Hussey, R.V.P. (12005)
 4254 John M. Spence, 5600 Wexford Road, Baltimore, Maryland, age 62, sales. By Fernand Creed, R. V. P. (12005)
 (Applicants for re-instatement will receive cards ten days after publication, if no objection is entered.)

APPLICATIONS PENDING

35 applications listed in HOBBIES December issue Vol. 43, No. 10, which please see.

ADDRESS CHANGES

7237 Chester O. Bedell, from Box 62, 517 Pine Acres Blvd., Brightwaters, N. Y., to 8225 208th St., Queens Village, L. I., New York.
 8000 Jos. Bernhardt, from Box 45, Cornwall, Pa., to Box 98, Lebanon, Pa.
 3599 Maurice E. Bosley, from 42 No. Raymond Ave., to P. O. Box 272, Pasadena, Calif. Express and Parcel Post to Room 201, Slavin Bldg.
 L97-8271 E. Lawrence Chandler, from 119 Cherokee Drive, Knoxville, Tenn., to Vinita, Oklahoma.
 8651 Edwin Christ, from 6515 Murdock St., St. Louis, Mo., to 200 College, Columbia, Mo.
 1848 George E. Cleaver, from 125 No. Walnut St., Fleetwood, Pa., to Box 14, Esterly, Pa.
 8714 L. H. Clouser, from 408 Midway Ave., to 125 Underwood Place, Knoxville, Tenn.
 3601 C. C. Fisher, from Box 58, Lexington, Tenn., to Box 368, Providence, R. I.

8279 Walter Gisiger, from 80 Nassau St., to 200 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
 1103 Smith Hamill, from Hollywood Knickerbocker, Hollywood, Calif., to 235 West 5th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
 L7-3061 James B. Helme, from 41 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y., to Box 2100, Southport, Conn.
 7983 Fred J. Holling, from 2810 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., to 6200 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.
 7513 Alvin J. Johnson, from Burlington, Colorado, to 4 Boulder Crescent, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
 8438 Shirrell M. James, from 193 Park Ave., to 18 Ferdinand St., Worcester, Mass.
 8126 Lorin L. Kay, from 805 Security Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis., to 216 N. Sheldon St., Richland Center, Wisconsin.
 8443 Arthur B. Levis, 1878 Avondale Circle, Jacksonville, Florida, to Highlands Hotel, Ocala, Florida.
 6787 W. M. Miller, from 524 Plymouth Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., to Cloquet, Minn.
 2113 Karl Pathe, from 427 Woodward Ave., to 218 Peachtree Arcade, Atlanta, Ga.
 5576 Gordon Richardson, from 116 Lenox Ave., East Orange, New Jersey, to 74 Harrison Place, Irvington, New Jersey.
 8300 Harvey E. Sheppard, from Box 593 to Box 33, Covington, Va.
 4158 Rudolf Stoess, from 1157 Lafayette St., to 1153 Lafayette St., Denver, Colorado.
 7421 Nelson T. Thorson, from 1109 North 56th St., to 306 South 19th St., Omaha, Nebraska.
 6450 Joseph H. Zix, from Box 1495, to 206 Lemcke Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana.
 (Above members will please immediately report to the Secretary unsolicited sendings or unethical use of this address change.)

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

9235 Floyd R. Anderson, 715 Academy St., Newark, Delaware. (GC; U. S.) (00005)
 9236 Abraham S. Arnold, Box 36, Metuchen, New Jersey. (S, Egypt, Roumania; U.S.S.R. & Russia; Ind. Native States.) (12005)
 9237 Charles Bein, 130 Fellows Road, London, N.W.2, England. (D)
 9238 Ben Berson, 20 Baldauf Court, N. E., Massillon, Ohio. (C-D; U. S. Mint.) (10045)
 9239 Earl J. Brown, 209 So. 9th St., Escanaba, Michigan. (U. S.; Canada; S.; Pre-Cans. & Bu-Pts.) (00045)
 9240 Harold J. Brown, 2043 Arthur Ave., Chicago, Ill. (C-D) (10005)
 9241 Wilfred W. Forbes, M.D., 61 Brook St., Brookline, Mass. (GC) (02005)
 9242 Bro. Theodore Heim, c/o Jordan Stamp Co., St. Nazanz, Wisconsin. (C-D) (100005)
 9243 Thomas A. Inch, 20 Linwood Drive, West Hartford, Conn. (S, U. S., B. N. A.) (12005)
 9244 Edward B. Martin, 1401 Girard St., N.W., Washington, D. C. (GC) (00005)
 9245 Theodore S. Nelson, 3163 LaSunda Drive, Hollywood, Calif. (S, U. S.) (10005)
 9246 James F. O'Brien, R. #5, East Toledo, Ohio. (C-D; CG; U. S.) (12005)
 9247 Willis H. Porter, 8136 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill. (GC; Comm. & Airs.) (00005)
 9248 Lewis B. Pusey, 120 Delray Ave., Bethesda, Maryland. (S, 19th Cent. U. S. & Can.) (10005)
 9249 E. M. Riley, 725 So. College St., Springfield, Illinois. (GC) (00005)
 9250 Georges S. Sarkissian, 152 Prospect Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y. (C-D; S, France & Cois.) (12345)
 9251 Edward S. Terry, 1823 No. 81st St., Waumata, Wisconsin. (Airs; Pictorial No. Am.) (xx305)
 9252 Eddie S. Tiffin, Jr., 833 Prospect St., Shreveport, La. (GC) (00345)
 9253 G. Richard Warfel, 4030 16th St., South Arlington, Va. (GC) (xx005)
 9254 John F. Wenk, 537 So. West Ave., Vineland, New Jersey. (S; U. S. mint and used Rev.) (12305)
 9255 Russell McKay Whiston, Moweaqua, Illinois. (S, U. S.) (12005)
 9256 Thayer Willis, M.D., 789 Howard Ave., New Haven, Conn. (GC; Norway; Nfld.; U. S.; B. C.) (12005)

RE-INSTATED

- 5387 Robert L. Maurer, 1240 Bunts Road, Lakewood, Ohio. (GC; U. S.; Br. Cols.; Fr.; Ger.; Neth. & Cols.; Scand.) (00005)
 7017 Harlaad S. Pattershall, Brooks, Maine. (C-D) (12305)
 6956 Chas. D. Dancer, Box 227, Mansfield, Ohio. (C-D; Gen.; U. S. mint.) (x0005)

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 7522 Arthur J. Grant, Box 151, 22nd Sta., St. Petersburg, Florida.
 8070 Jacques Koerpel, Paramount Bldg., Times Sq., New York, N. Y.

RESIGNATIONS PENDING

4 resignations listed in HOBBIES December issue Vol. 43, No. 10 which please see.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

8 resignations listed in HOBBIES November issue Vol. 43, No. 9, which please see.

TO SHUT-IN LIST

- 8668 Miss Marquerite Kuhn, 1302 Marshall St., Shreveport, La.

CORRECTION OF LISTING

- 5506 F. G. Wilson, Box 2232, Tulsa, Okla.

RELISTING NOVEMBER APPLICANTS CORRECTING OMISSIONS

- Roger E. Hill, 45 Mooreland Ave., Leominster, Mass., age 24, Merchant, By F. A. Black, R.V.P. (12005)
 William H. Keller, 254-19 83rd Ave., Floral Park, North Long Island, New York, age 24, contact man. By Louis Crayn. (12000)

CHARTER GRANTED

No. 100—Philatelic Society of Philadelphia, N. E. Corner of 17th & Pine Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Contact J. L. Brautlecht, 3610 No. Percy St., Philadelphia, Pa. Credit J. L. Brautlecht.

DECEASED

- 8125 Ralph W. Howell, 4 Buena Vista Road, Biltmore Sta., Asheville, N. C. Died January 24, 1938.
 1575 John S. Reynolds, 104 North George St., York, Pa. Died January 27, 1938.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Total membership November 1, 1938	2367	
New members admitted	22	25
Re-instated	3	
		2392
Resignations accepted	8	
Dropped	22	30
Total membership December 1, 1938		2362
(Applications received 13; applications pending 35; applications for re-instatement 3.)		

BOOSTER LIST

Applications received from July 1, 1937 to July 1, 1938, 748. Applications received from July 1, 1938 have been proposed by the following members: C. R. Morse, R.V.P., 110; F. L. Coes, Sec., 29; E. Q. Lowderback, R.V.P., 9; Wm. C. Darden, 8; H. Hussey, R.V.P., 7; S. J. Falcon, 5; A. C. Delpuach, F. R. Rice, R.V.P., J. Edw. Vining, V.P., 4 each; W. F. Blair, H. Herst, Jr., R.V.P., A. S. Riches, M. E. Robbins, 3 each; S. E. Beck, R.V.P., Fernand Creed, R.V.P., V. Domanski, Jr., O. Nagel, R.V.P., W. C. Rice, 2 each; F. A. Black, R.V.P., S. C. Bushnell, Louis Crayn, Dr. E. J. DeCosta, J. Goldstein, R.V.P., C. H. Hamlin, C. L. Hofmann, R.V.P., Crystal E. Holmes, Albert Horwitz, Wm. Logan, V. Mozian, I. M. Pistoria, George N. Ponnay, S. G. Riches, Robert C. Shipp, W. R. Stewart, D. L. Suit, J. Unzeitig, J. M. Westphal, H. C. Wing, R.V.P., one each. Total 222.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Again we have to comment on the late receipt of death notices, of the two listed in the body report, one reached us 11 months after the fact and the other through the P. O. about six months after the date, thus removing the possible letter of Society condolence. We hope members will remember to apprise the Secretary of such matters as soon as they are aware of them—duplication is better than no notice.

Again a repeat on the bills sent—the first notice was sent to all with the ballot envelope in June last. Many feel they have not received any "first notice." This of course will be only to reassure those who doubt—that they had the first bill in the June 23rd mailing.

Again bespeaking your interest in the Department. The improved conditions seem to warrant your taking more interest in your own Society material—especially as the fellow interest helps some other (maybe needing it) to hold his enjoyment of the hobby, perhaps your participation will tide him over illness, unemployment or some similar crisis. You cannot lose—and you may really help. Sales Department states it has much new material—and the Exchange and Pre-Cancel Departments also. Why not consider doing a good turn for yourself and the others—beginners or old members—interested?

Yours, F. L. Coes, Sec.

1939 CONVENTION SITE AND DATES

The Committee of the Baltimore Branch of the S. P. A. #52, who will be our hosts for the Convention of 1939—announce the selection of the Lord Baltimore Hotel, in Baltimore as headquarters, and the selection of dates in August, 1939. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 24, 25 & 26, with some activities holding over to Sunday August 27th—in conjunction with the Precancel Stamp Society and its own similarly dated Convention.

This announcement from Fernand Creed, 107 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Md., to whom communications with reference to reservations and bourse space—Exhibition frames, etc., should be addressed.

F. L. Coes, Sec.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT MANAGER

To members of the S. P. A.—

We are glad to report at this time that the Exchange Department is running almost double as to exchanges made and new members added as compared to the same period last year and the quality of stamps being entered is something to brag about. We wish you could see the new material that is coming in. You are missing a treat if you are not one of our active members. It is rather difficult for one to keep a credit with such good material being offered. We, therefore, urge that you continue to send in your duplicates regularly, keeping up your credit so that circuits can be sent at least once a month, oftener if you desire. Right now we have new books of French Colonials mint and used, British Colonials, Airmails, South and Central America, Japan, Czechoslovakia, as well as new and recent foreign, all waiting to find a new home. Will you help us? We need all of the better grade stamps, most any country, and will be glad to answer any questions as to material best to be entered, etc. Send in loose if you do not have time to mount. We offer that service at a small price.

During the past month we not only received several new members, but also some of our older members have joined with us and sent in books, and I hope that you other members not having given the Exchange a trial, will do so shortly. We can assure you much pleasure in seeing the other members' stamps and whether you are an advanced collector or a beginner, we have the stamps you need.

Send your order at once for a supply of books, which are 5c each, containing the rules and regulations of this Department. To Non-Members—

As we are trying to double our membership, we urge you to consider joining the S. P. A., so you can take advantage of the Exchange Department. Details gladly furnished upon request. We also will supply you with the HOBBIES Magazine for one year on payment of your dues and initiation fees. Let us hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

C. H. Hamlin, Exchange Manager
 5528 Mayberry St., Omaha, Nebr.

SALES MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1938

Books in Sales Department 10/19/38 ..	2319	value	\$75,588.94
Books received in November	256	"	6,639.55
	2575	"	\$82,228.49
Books retired in November	123	"	3,952.63
Books in Sales Dep't. 11/22/38	2452	"	\$78,275.86

It hardly seems possible that another month has rolled around and it is again time for the monthly report. Your Sales Department is very busy as many requests for circuits are being received each day. I am trying my best to please each and every one of you. Much fine material has been entered since the new catalog has been issued and you do not know what you are missing if you are not on the list to receive circuits. Jumbo circuits are still in great demand and we are pleasing many members with the nice material that they are receiving in these circuits. Why not drop me a postal if you have not had one of these Jumbo's as I know that you will be more than satisfied with the selection that you will receive. Again I must request members to be more prompt in forwarding circuits. It would also save me a great deal of time if each member would make their remittance to the Sales Department when they forward the circuit and in that case I would not have to write quite so many letters. I can still use many fine books so why not write and get some blank books at 5c each and spend some of these cold winter evenings mounting books and turning your duplicates into cash. United States, Great Britain, British Colonies, General European both 19th and 20th century and used new issues and Air Mails are in great demand and as I stated before many new requests are coming in each day. If you have not yet paid your dues and you have books in the Sales Department just drop me a card and I will be glad to pay your dues to Mr. Coes and charge the amount to your account. By the time that this is published Christmas will be very near. Why not take some of that Christmas money and buy a nice assortment of stamps for your collection? Let me know what country or countries you would like to try and complete and I am sure that I will be able to help you out and in that way Christmas will last all year long. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their fine cooperation and to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hussey, Sales Mgr.,
 3457 Dury Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Official notices of the Society of Philatelic Americans, run from the heading with the names of officers, to this point. The Society is not responsible for any other material in this or any other number of this magazine.

CLUBS

The *Golden Gate Precancel Society* celebrated its tenth anniversary recently with a dinner meeting at a San Francisco restaurant. Thirty-one gathered around the festive board. President R. L. Norton was toastmaster.

The *Sedalia, Mo., Philatelic Club* chalked up its first annual stamp exhibition recently.

A month's doing at the *Rubber City Stamp Club*, Akron, Ohio. First meeting: Regular business, plus work night. Second, "Bob" Laughlin of Barberton, Ohio, with his famous collection of cancellations on "3c" Greens. Third, annual donation auction. Fourth, dealer's night.

August Anderberg was on the program schedule of a recent meeting of the *Pacific Philatelic Society* meeting in San Francisco, Calif., to discuss "Constitution stamps of the United States, Ireland and Russia."

"Five Minute Talks," by various philatelists continue to be popular with this club according to the program releases. Scheduled for recent appearance on this program of brevities were: Dr. Ralph S. Discher, with the subject, "Varieties of the Franklin 1c of 1922-1938" (Scott's type A155) Joseph C. Sharp, new issues of the past month; Sidney P. Dorais, in defense of his reasons for collecting used stamps only; Roy Taylor, arranging and mounting of stamp collections; and a question box discussion by William Wilson on "How can the Roman States re-prints be identified?"

At a late meeting of the *Yorkville (New York City) Stamp Society* Walter Spillman discussed Graf Zeppelin covers and exhibited from his collection.

The Golden Jubilee Banquet of the *Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh* is now only a memory. One report says that in addition to the splendid attendance and good fellowship, to the "piece de resistance" (roast turkey, with cranberries) all did full justice. Music was furnished by the Continental "foursome," and with no difficulty at all the assemblage was soon joining in the singing, and in particular, one very appropriate number, "The Lady on the Two Cent Stamp."

Tulsa, Okla., Conclave May 17-21

C. N. A. DeBajligethy, Tulsa, has forwarded to HOBBIES office, details of the "First World Wide Convention of Philatelists," which is to be held in that city May 17-21 in connection

with the "Second Tulsa International Philatelic Exhibition." Though the date is many weeks away, the executive committee has already arranged a tentative program.

N. Y. Women's Philatelic Society

For their Christmas party to be held at their headquarters at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, on the evening of December 22, the ladies of the New York Women's Philatelic Society, are going to forget that they are philatelists and each one will bring to the meeting some hobby other than stamps. Among the items expected are: From the President, Miss Amy Lewis, autographs and personal messages from famous people collected even since she was a little girl. Dr. Louise D. Larimore; travel pictures. Mrs. Owen Kildare; early Americana. Mrs. Henry Diamant; dolls from her well known collection. Mrs. Victor Hugo Hanf; table decorations with corresponding games for children's parties. Mrs. Edith Adams Brown and Miss Taylor; Cats. The Misses Parsons; doves. The only fear is that with the latter combination, two ladies may go home minus a hobby!

IT SEEMS TO ME

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Locomotive Lore

THAT I have answered this query before! But again, the first stamps to bear pictures of locomotives, were in the "local" list and issued in New York City (Wymans 1844, Broadway P. O. 1848—Buffalo 1854). There doubtless are others. And of the second, likely a reprint will be all you can afford. But I have failed to check locomotives in early foreigners, although there may be some in locals a few years later.

This does not include parcel post or revenues. Many later in various places, but that information is not in the postage catalogue.

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Marginless Stamps

QUESTION for someone to answer. The recent Hungarian issue for its patron saint has no white margin on the stamps. School teacher who teaches design in the South wants to know—I quote "I understand the printing term for no margin is a 'bleed out'—who or what country printed the first of these marginless stamps?"

And it is not so easy to answer. Do you know?

Afterthoughts

POSSIBLY many of you have experienced the effort of the inhabitants of Austria to crawl out from under the iron heel. Feverish looking for "relatives" in the U. S. An un-

usual example, a textile warp manufacturer in a suburb of Vienna evidently turned up an old copy of a Society year book. In it (as of 1926) were listed three names the same as his own. Letter from him asked the location of these "if still alive" as possible relatives.

In this especial case one was a distant cousin. Now the warp man is looking to some sort of haven for himself and his in the area where his "relatives live." I believe there is a real workable "out" for such, so many may be importuned, even to the point of building an assumed relationship. This letter said "it is better to be out of work in Austria than to be employed at a manual job in Germany." I wouldn't know about that, but I understand the average work day in the plants that are producing things usable for war, is twelve and a half hours. Maybe the Austrian man told the truth, unadulterated. Oh yes, the letter was not mailed in Vienna, but in a near by, over the border town. Why? Is there a censorship already? So again we are pointed, as in the World War, to the possibility of mail originating in over the border towns, and the interest in censorship and censor markings and connected historical facts. Plenty from Spain right now. But, while some letters from the Reich show they have been examined which is the "nice" word. Some would call it nosy snooping, the text is not as yet "blackened out" and the snooping is merely to check possible infraction of laws regarding export of valuable things. But I have this week my first letter from Loyalist Spain—"blackened out" in part. And one from the trouble zone in Palestine is "military censor" marked. I have seen one or two from the Far East also. But seemingly the Japanese censor reads without marking. They are "not at war."

So again your history builds itself in your collection.

Church Cachet

The AMERICAN LUTHERAN PUBLICITY BUREAU, 1819 Broadway, New York, N. Y., will sponsor a cachet or special cover, commemorating the centennial of the landing of the Saxon Immigrants (Lutheran Pilgrim Fathers) at New Orleans, La., from which place they sailed up the Mississippi River to Altenburg, Mo., to found the new Lutheran Colony and build the "Log Cabin" college which is a parent institution of the \$451,837,362 educational system of the Lutheran Church. This band of nearly 800 men, women and children had left Germany in search of a land which would give them religious freedom.

News About Foreign Issues

Abroad Here and There

THE Richard Contreras Company, Nicaragua, C. A., has furnished HOBBIES office with a detailed list of the new issue of Nicaraguan stamps, which according to a recent government decree will be placed in circulation at intervals, beginning January. Scheduled to appear first is a series in different values "International Airmail," bearing a portrait of General Somoza, a series of ordinary postage stamps with a view of Dario Park, and another, "Official International Airmail," also bearing a portrait of General Somoza.

NEW AUSTRALIAN POSTAGE STAMP

November 17, 1938—The Australian Government Trade Commissioner in the United States, New York City, is in receipt of a communication from the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Melbourne, Australia, stating that arrangements have been made by the Postal Department to replace the existing 5d. stamp on December 1, 1938, from which date the new issue will be on sale at all Post Offices.

This stamp, printed by the recess method in a dark magenta shade, has for its subject a prize Merino ram, the surrounding scenery being typical of the country in New South Wales where the breed was originally established.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO — *New Issue.* British North Borneo announces a new stamp issue effective January 1, 1939, in the following denominations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,

15, 20, 25, and 50 cents, and 1, 2, and 5 Straits dollars. (100 cents equal 1 Straits dollar which equals about US\$0.5536). All current stamps, including plates and dies, will be destroyed December 31, 1938. —Office of the American Trade Commissioner, Singapore, Straits Settlements, by radio.

CUBA—*Designs of All Stamps to be Changed.* Decree No. 1898, published in the Official Gazette of September 23, 1938, authorizes the Department of Communications to make the necessary studies for changing the designs of all ordinary and airmail stamps. The decree provides that airmail issues should bear a picture of Ruy de Lugo Vina and of the 6 Cuban aviators who perished in the "Faro de Colon" flight. Stamps of the 1, 2, and 5 cent ordinary issues should carry designs referring to the tobacco industry. Designs of the remaining values should give preference to other national affairs and resources. —Office of the American Commercial Attache, Havana.

POLAND—*New Stamp for Stratosphere Flight.* The Polish Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs put on sale on September 15, 1938, a special stratosphere flight stamp covering the flight scheduled for the first half of October. This stamp, color violet, is 1 by 2½ inches, and has a picture of a stratosphere balloon above mountains with the word "Polska" at the top and "75 groszy 75" at the bottom. The value is 0.75 zlotys (Zloty equals about US\$0.19) but it was sold at 2 zlotys each. Only 60,000 were printed.



New Latvian stamps that made their appearance about the middle of November. These celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Latvian Republic. The portraits show President and Prime Minister Karlis Ulmanis and Minister of War General Janis Balodis.

They were not printed in blocks but each stamp was surrounded by a white border three-quarters of an inch in width.—Office of the American Commercial Attache, Warsaw.

BURMA—*New Stamps.* The new Burmese stamps of the King George VI issue were scheduled to be on sale in Burma November 15, 1938 with denominations as follows: (16 annas equal 1 rupee which equals about US\$0.355). In annas: ¼, ½, ¾, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 3½, 4, and 8; In rupees, 1, 2, 5, and 10.

On the foregoing denominations, the following four are pictorial designs; in annas: 2½, 3, 3½, and 8, barge of a Burmese king, rice industry, teak industry, and an Irrawaddy River scene. Other designs are conventional. All bear a crowned likeness of King George VI.—American Consulate, Rangoon.

NETHERLANDS INDIES — *Two New Aviation Stamps on Schedule.* Two stamps, with face values of 10 and 20 florin cents (100 cents equal 1 florin which equals about US\$0.5435), portraying the Douglas airplanes used by the Royal Netherlands Indian Aviation Co. Removed from sale about November 30.

GREENLAND—*Gov't to Issue its Own Stamps.* Greenland has joined the world postal federation, and henceforth will issue its own postage stamps. On schedule for December 1 appearance were 7 stamps in denominations of 1, 5, 7, 10 and 15 ore, all with images of King Christian X, and 30 ore and 1 crown, bearing as a design a polar bear (100 ore equal 1 crown which equals US\$0.2124). During 1937, a total of 18,000 letters, 8,000 newspapers, etc., and 4,000 parcels were sent to Greenland. The mail from Greenland consisted of 21,000 letters and 800 parcels.—Office of the American Commercial Attache, Copenhagen, Denmark.

MEXICO—*New Malaria Stamp.* A decree dated October 7, 1938, published in the Diario Oficial of October 14, authorizes the postal authorities to apply a surcharge of 1 centavo (in the form of a stamp) on letters and postal cards originating in Mexico, as of January 1, 1939, the revenue derived from this additional stamp to be used in combatting malaria in Mexico. The stamp will be in use for at least three months, during which period its use will be obligatory (in addition to the regular postage). The stamps will bear the national shield with the following inscription: "Estados Unidos Mexicanos—Presidencia de la Republica."—Office of the American Commercial Attache, Mexico City.

JAPAN—New 25-Sen Stamp. A 25-sen postage stamp (100 sen equal 1 yen which equals about US\$0.28), needed for mailing heavy parcels, was scheduled for release on October 11, as the sixth of the new stamp series inaugurated in the spring of 1937, according to the Japan Advertiser, Tokyo, in its issue of October 1. Further issues are scheduled to be released soon, and designs have already been completed for the 5, 6, 7, 8, 20, 30 and 50-sen and 1 yen denominations. In addition, new 3, 10 and 20-sen and 5 and 10 yen denominations will be issued subsequently.

No New Year's Stamps to be Issued

For economic and moral reasons, the postal authorities have decided not to issue special holiday stamps for use on New Year's greeting cards as in other years. The need to conserve pulp, as well as the belief that the people should not indulge in a holiday spirit while soldiers face death at the front, is considered sufficient reason why regular stamps and cards will have to serve holiday wishers this year. The revenue loss as a result of the restriction is estimated by the Communications Ministry at

10,000,000 yen—Office of the American Commercial Attache, Tokyo.

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BUENOS AIRES, October 21, As per advices published in the newspaper "LA PRENSA" which is one of the largest dailies in South America the following changes and additions are soon to come:

In the actual series of ARGENTINE "HEROES" design, that is, SCOTT No. A128 to A137, there are to appear two new stamps, necessitated by the recent change in the Tariffs for all foreign countries other than those forming the Pan American Union, which includes SPAIN and the Americas, that is: a 2½-cent value, frame as above and picture of BRAILLE, who was the inventor of the raised writing for the blind. This will be used for printed matter. Also an 8-cent stamp with picture of Nicholas Avellaneda, whose photo already is used for postal checks. Colors have not yet been announced for either stamp. The 8-cent value is for use on sample packages. In the second place the colors of some of the current series, 1935/1936, Scott's Nos. 418/438, will be altered to conform to the colors required by the U. P. Union, due to recent changes in the Tariffs referred to above.

Thirdly there will be a change in the design of the current \$5.00 value from present No. 436 to new design not yet stated: the \$0.40 cent No. 432 will probably also be changed in design, altho' the new picture is not yet announced. These changes will fall under the title "modified design" which happened already with Nos. 427 and the No. 434.

New Set for April 1939: The U.P.U. Set will consist of seven values and will be printed locally, possibly on the new photogravure—recently acquired—machines for the Mint, but if not ready for use in time for this set, it will be printed by the current typography or zinc-ography process now in current use here.

New Argentine Official Service Stamps have been issued: No. 429 with overprint "Servicio Oficial" and No. 430 also with overprint "Servicio Oficial," serving for the eight Official Departments here.

Argentine Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Buenos Aires, during April 1939; the name chosen is "CYTRA" and will coincide with the XI Congress also to be held at Buenos Aires, of the Universal Postal Union. Details may be had from the Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Buenos Aires.

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TONGA—To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the accession of Queen Salote Tubou of Tonga a short

set of 3 attractive stamps was issued on October 12 and will remain current for a year. The denominations are 1d, 2d, and 2½d, and the design shows a full-length portrait of Her Majesty in Coronation robes. Queen Salote, whose portrait also appears on several values of the current Tongan issue, succeeded her father, King George II, in 1918, and has proved herself a progressive ruler and a loyal upholder of the British connection.

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NETHERLANDS—New Dingaan's Day Airmail. It is reported from Holland that a new 12½-cent air mail stamp will be issued for the first time on the occasion of a special flight to South Africa in December in honor of the centenary of Dingaan's Day. The flight was scheduled to leave Amsterdam on December 8 and to reach Johannesburg (South Africa) on the 15th, and a large number of souvenir covers will doubtless be carried.

—Foreign Communication News.

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Naval Gossip from the Crow's Nest

By MYRON MCCAMLEY

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YOUR column editor wishes each of you a most Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and happy New Year. With business on the upgrade again the cover hobby will come back stronger than ever and with the many new ships now under construction we have much to look forward to.

Loring Stannard, RCD #133, will sponsor cachets for the shakedown cruise of the USS Ellet, Davis, and Sargo early this year. Send ten covers ready to go with 1c per cover service charge before January 1 to Mr. Stannard, 218 Main St., Derby, Conn. Time is short so hurry.

On a recent visit to the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash., your editor saw some out-of-commission ships that were once vital points in our great Navy. They were the ships USS Pawtucket, a tug; USS Aroostook, a mine layer; USS Prometheus, a repair ship; USS Pyro, ammunition carrier; and the old tanker USS Patoka, now an emergency mooring mast for zeppelins. The USS Kearsarge, a crane ship had left for the east coast for use in the construction of the USS Washington, a battleship now being built in Philadelphia Navy Yard. Don't send these ships any covers as it would not be practical.

Do you new collectors have a type chart of naval cancels? Here's a chance to get one free. Send a No. 10 large size self-addressed stamp to Mate Desmond Jagyi, 254 Orland St., Bridgeport, Conn., and request your copy.

Beginning with the new year my good friend, Nat Williams, Box 276-c,

Veteran's Home, Calif., will have a series of cachets with a humorous slant. They are intended to add a little jocularity to your collection and all will have appropriate cancels. While not of naval category, I know you will want to add this series to your general cover collection regardless. Send him five 6½" size envelopes right away properly stamped with 3c postage and don't forget to send 1c per cover forwarding fee. Veterans Home is a postal station in Napa County, Calif., and the patrons of this office are the comrades of the U.S.W.V.

Things you never knew about the Navy—"Winchell" McCamley talking: Alcoholic liquors are taboo on present day ships yet the old timers always had their ration of rum. The reason the silk kerchief wear is black is because it originally was a "Sweat Rag" and black hides the dirt. Annapolis midshipmen cannot ride in taxicabs, and the only auto they can ride in is the ambulance. In the U. S. Navy the word "Gob" is taboo for sailors, and a Midshipmen is not called a Middy except in the movies. A pig tattooed on a sailor's foot is a charm against drowning, and a "D" tattooed on an old sailor classes him as a deserter. The U. S. Navy uses more coffee per man than any other naval group in the world. The Navy Department is the largest employer of labor in the U. S. today. The salary of our Admiral is slightly more than the cost of firing one shell from our super dreadnaughts, the battleships. And it doesn't pay to get a promotion in the Navy, take for instance, the Rear-Admiral being promoted to Vice-Admiral, he takes a \$300 cut per year and has to put out around \$350 for gold braids, and new uniforms, etc. The navy rejects all applicants who have any indecent pictures tattooed on their body. It was a fad at one time, they say.

Walter Czubay, 3117 36th St., Astoria, L. I., New York announces in a Series No. 1 only ships for first day in commission. They are the USS Mayrant, Rowen, Stack, Sterret, Wilson, Trippe, Nashville, Wichita, Helena, Sargo, Davis, Spearfish, Jouett, Benham, Ellett, Sims, Lang, Rhind, Hughes, Phoenix, Walke, Anderson, Hammann, Russell, O'Brien, Mustin, Morris, Roe, Wainwright, Buck, Mayo, Gleaves, Niblick, Madison, and Lansdowne. Boy—is that a list to go after. Some will come off a year from now but it's time now to get your covers in to Walt as many will come off shortly. Send only standard size envelopes, properly stamped with 3c or 1½c if unsealed and be sure to include 1c per cover service charge. I

can recommend all of Czubay's cachets. They are A #1, so keep up the good work old man, you'll be rewarded in heaven some day.

Robert Altman, P.O. Box 306, Hannibal, Mo., (the old home town of Mark Twain) has just completed a list of all shore stations having cancels. He has kindly offered to send you readers a well edited listing covering such fifty-six navy shore stations and seventeen marine shore station postoffices. Send him a self-addressed and stamped envelope for its return and a vote of thanks is due Mr. Altman.

W. H. Compton, Jr., 1254 East 172nd St., Cleveland, Ohio, who is the able cachet director of the Cleveland Cover Club offers to hold covers for you collectors for naval events. His printing is superb and the cachets by Dick Buchwald are prize winners. They recently were given the Award of Merit from the American Board of Review, a committee passing on better type cachets. And this only goes to prove that with Bill's patience in printing and his correct weight envelopes and types of events chosen, is bound to win. Write him for details or send your own prepared covers with 1c fee to him.

Last month your cachet editor announced a proposed Xmas and New Years cachet. Any coming in for this event will be sent to Mr. Bartley or to Mr. Compton for their series. I've sold my press and will not issue any cachets until another is purchased next spring or summer. The Kelsey went to C. Ceder of 701 S. 13th St., Tacoma, Wash., who will use it in printing Merchant Marine cachets. Send him your MM covers with 1c each for service charge or send 5c for each cover wanted and he will furnish everything on a specially cacheted MM envelope using only 3c commem. stamps.

In co-operating with the Postal Dept., and the Portland, Ore. office, I've been asked to mail specially cacheted envelopes out to collectors for the 25th anniversary of Parcel Post. Send your stamps or coin to cover postage for as many covers as you wish. They must be mailed before December 31 so hurry. I will address the envelopes here so do not send your own, please. No service fee, and send all requests for this odd cachet cover to your column editor today. The cachet will be printed in an attractive color and will be the same as the official posters now on display throughout America. No Naval cancels on this.

MERCHANT MARINE

Conducted by JAMES J. VLACH
3019 West Juneau Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

IT is expected that the States SS Co., and the Maritime Commission will come to an agreement in the near future looking toward the re-establishment of the company in the Portland-Orient trade. The States line now has four freighters idle in Portland.

Inauguration of eastbound trans-Atlantic service from North Atlantic ports of the U. S. to Baltic ports and Scandinavia was announced recently by the Thorden Lines. Service is to be maintained by two motor ships, the Carolina Thorden and the Mathilda Thorden. The vessels are owned by Gustav B. Thorden of Helsingfors, Finland. Two more vessels are now under construction in Finland, and will start service in the Thorden Line next year. Mr. Thorden is a well known Finnish ship owner, and besides the ships mentioned above, owns sixteen other ships.

Now is the time, if you have not already done so, to send a card with the Season's greetings to any ship pursers or other officers who have done you favors. As is well known, all ship men like to receive mail, and this is your opportunity.

I mentioned some months ago that the French steamer La Martiniere, which was used to transport convicts to the French penal colony, was to be removed from this service, as France had decided temporarily to stop sending any more felons to Devil's Island. However, she sailed again some time ago with another boatload of convicts for Guiana, so the French government must have changed its mind.

The first class postage rates from several other foreign countries is given here:

Australia, 3p.
New Zealand, 2½p.
Greece, 8 drachmas.
Philippines, 6 centavos.
Yugoslavia, 350 paras.
Poland, 55 grosz.
India, 3 annas, 6 pies.

Here are three Grace Line west coast ships that have always returned good covers: SS Coya, SS Cuzca, SS Condor. They should be addressed at Grace Line, 408 White Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Use either U. S. or Chilean stamps.

Some Donaldson Line ships which should return good covers also: SS

Corrientes, SS Modavia, SS Salacia, SS Gregalia, SS Moveria, SS Cordillera, SS Parthenia. They should be addressed at Donaldson Line, Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

The U. S. Maritime Commission paid \$256,000 for three former Munson Line passenger ships at a public auction recently. The Pan America went for \$90,000, the Southern Cross for \$85,000, and the Western World for \$81,000. The ships were built at an original cost of about \$12,000,000, and were used in the trade to the east coast of South America. Collectors had several years in which to obtain covers from these three ships when they were in service, and I trust they did so.

The Dominion of Canada is the sixth trading nation of the world.

The new name for the Dollar Line,

recently acquired by the Maritime Commission, will be either American Oriental Line or Pacific Oriental Line. The Maritime Commission is rushing plans to build the line into a first class steamship service. Three new passenger ships for trans-Pacific service are being designed, and construction of the ships, to cost from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 each, will be started shortly. Running on regular schedule, they will be able to reduce the round-trip transit time by a full week.

The year of hostilities in the Far East has caused a shrinkage in U. S. trade with that area comparable only with the declines in the worst year of the depression. From August, 1937, to August, 1938, trade with Japan declined almost 50%, and that with China dropped to less than one-third of its former volume. Since August, 1938, there have been further declines. Practically all fields of export have been affected.

I wish at this time to extend to all our friends and fellow-collectors the Compliments of the Season. See you all next year.

Postoffice and the Merchant Marine

By WALTER CZUBAY

The following is the first of a series of articles on the development of the merchant marine, and the postal service aboard ships, written by our Secretary, Walter Czubay. These articles seek to be informative as well as interesting, and I am sure they will be well received by our readers.—James J. Vlach, President, UMMCC.

IT will be the purpose of the present article and those to follow to dwell on the postal service on board ships from the early times to the present day liners; to sponsor these historical cachets, and to commemorate the passing of these ships into the pages of history.

Credit is due the various steamship companies, without whose co-operation this series would not have been possible. This series will commence with the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd Lines.

When the North German Lloyd opened, in the year 1857, its first line, the steamships Adler, Moewe, and Falke, operated to English ports. Trans-Atlantic service, which commenced the following year, was inaugurated with the sailing of the SS Bremen from Bremen. The voyage lasted fourteen days to New York, and the ship received a great welcome on her arrival. With the completion of the SS Hudson, Weser and the New York during the year 1858, the Lloyd Line opened a regular fortnightly service between Bremerhaven and New York.

In 1860 the Lloyd Line signed the first contracts with England and North America for the forwarding of mail. It was the beginning of mail service on these ships. It is the purpose of the UMMCC to sponsor cachets commemorating these ships for those interested.

By 1867 it was found that a fortnightly service was inadequate to meet the requirements so a weekly service was inaugurated with eight ships.

In 1870 Lloyd ships first made voyages to the West Indies.

In 1881 the SS Elbe, 420 ft. long, sailed from Bremen to New York, marking the real beginning of the German trans-Atlantic express service. The voyage took eight and one-half days. Following this, larger and faster ships were built, and on its 25th anniversary in 1882, the company commanded the fourth largest shipping fleet in the world, comprising some 98 ships, with a registered weight of 100,000 tons.

In 1890, with the public becoming interested, and in pursuance of the mythical "blue ribbon" of the Atlantic, the SS Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was built. This ship, on her maiden voyage, achieved a speed of 22 knots, and won the cherished prize.

At the turn of the century, the Lloyd augmented its trans-Atlantic express service by launching the SS Kronprinz Wilhelm in 1901. In 1902 the SS Kaiser Wilhelm II made a record trip from New York to the English Channel. In 1907 came the SS Kronprinzessin Cecilie. More and better ships all the time.

In 1921 three steamers were added, and in 1922, the first Lloyd steamer to re-enter trans-Atlantic service, was dispatched to New York.

The magnificent steamer Bremen made her maiden voyage in 1929, arriving in New York after a voyage of 4 days, 17 hours, and 42 minutes. This remarkable performance won back the "blue ribbon" for the North German Lloyd at a time when the SS Columbus led the fleet. The sister-ship of the Bremen, the Europa, made its appearance in 1930.

In 1934, the North German Lloyd merged its North Atlantic service with that of the Hamburg-American German Lloyd, the Bremen, Europa, Columbus and Berlin, and the ships of the Hamburg-American Line, the New York, Hamburg, Deutschland and Hansa (formerly the Albert Ballin) combined to make a fleet of great ships famous the world over. From the earliest days, the era be-

tween 1847-1857 up to the present time, the progress and performances of these lines contributed greatly to the world shipping of today. In addition to the trans-Atlantic services of these lines, they also operate many other services in many parts of the world.

The Hamburg-American Line was founded in 1847 by a small group of Hamburg merchants. Their aim was to establish a regular communication between Hamburg and North America by means of sailing vessels and clipper ships. The first ship was the SS Deutschland, which made her maiden voyage in 1848, making the crossing in 40 days. Today, the fleet consisting of about 270 ships, calls at almost every port in the world. The present flagship of the line is the SS New York, which is used in regular trans-Atlantic service except during January to the middle of April, when it is used on cruise runs to the West Indies.

Comments on this series of articles will be welcome. I am sure a great wealth of information will be unearthed, all of which will prove most interesting to all followers of the marine hobby. Write me or Mr. Vlach, giving your comments or criticisms. Cheerio until next time when the US Merchant Marine will be the subject.

I will sponsor MM mailings on the ships of the NGL and HAL. Anyone wishing to receive these covers, will kindly send me 10 covers, with a 1c service charge. I will do my best to cover all the important ships, and inasmuch as the German

lines have been most generous in their seapost cancels, I will expect good results. Kindly mark your package, "MM covers for NGL and HAL".

Phalanx Welcomes Commander

Honoring their recently elected commander, Jno. A. Hooper, Sr., and Mrs. Hooper, upon their arrival in California for the winter season, the Los Angeles platoon of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx gave a Welcome Xmas Social and reception in the South Seas banquet chamber, Los Angeles, Calif., on Saturday evening, December 17. Gen M. Grant, LL.B., president of the Federated Incorporated Clubs, was chairman. A very large number of old-timers, male and female, made reservations to attend.

A Stamp Collector Who Didn't Know Covers

Illinois—On a recent trip south a filling station attendant in North-western Kentucky told us about an old deserted house where people had been carrying off material ever since the family moved away several years before following the death of the old father. We looked up the old place, too. The floor of the large living room was covered with old papers, old letters and old envelopes of every description. There were book cases and shelves on both sides of the fireplace and the letters must have been placed there after they had been read and answered. We estimated there were several hundred envelopes scattered over this room, but, unfortunately the stamps had been torn from the envelopes.

We examined some of the intact postmarks. They dated from 1857 up to 1908 with most of them in the 1890's. They bore postmarks from foreign countries as well as the United States. I cannot imagine just what kind of a stamp collector the party was who destroyed all these old covers for the sake of getting the stamps. The people who had moved away did not realize that they were leaving behind old envelopes that were of value to collectors; that was their loss, but the stamp collector who destroyed those old covers just for the sake of getting the stamps surely made a big mistake.—E. M. Eversole.

The stress of October days is revealed in this news item from "The Philatelic Trader," London:

"The City of London Philatelic Society abandoned its meeting fixed for October 3 owing to the political situation."



The Queen of Sports-Poster Stamps

By H. S. HALE

SINCE the last article on "The Queen of Sports," the writer has had a very nice reaction and many comments from the various poster stamp societies in the U. S. Not a few collectors have corresponded with us and some requested that we again write more on the "Queen of Sports."

Today in North America this is one form of collecting that has rapidly sprung to the fore and there is no stopping it now, as it already has spread so far and wide. Folks in all stations of life have become Posterists. It seems the way it works out is like this; "The Mills of the Gods grind slowly but exceedingly fine." So when the posterists take up the hobby they are ardent devotees.

In this day and age of advertising and publicity, there are more poster stamps coming out all of the time, and many of them are more superior, more beautiful and desirable than previous ones.

Many of the color effects and color schemes are most handsome. Hotels and colleges probably used them more frequently than other concerns, although fairs, expositions, and exhibitions have also used them freely in the past, as also did conventions and assemblies, and chambers of commerce. Today they are used by hundreds of firms also associations, co-operatives, and various business, so-

cial, civic, governmental, health and other humane organizations.

A popular series is that put out by the Tide Water Associated Oil Company. There are one hundred in the series, and the set can be completed only by stopping at various Tide Water service stations. This makes it harder to procure the set, but one can swap with other collectors if he doesn't travel far afield.

Among others that are very lovely and desirable are those of the New York World's Fair, and the Golden Gate Exposition. Many of these are supplied in exquisite color arrangement and in metallic finish. There is the wonderful Suffolk County set, depicting the famous old Paine house where nearby was born the writer of "Home Sweet Home." Then there is the "First American Flag," the "Birthplace of Walt Whitman," who wrote "Oh Captain, My Captain, and "The Whaler's Museum."

Among poster stamp societies are: the National Poster Stamp Society, the Poster Stamp Exchange, and the Poster Stamp Collectors of America.

Fans, if you wish to hear more about the great old, new, and highly popular poster stamp hobby, address me care of HOBBIES. Don't forget that stamp if your letter requires a personal answer.

FAMILY HISTORY

By OWEN M. PANTON

Supt. of Public Instruction, Clay Co., Kansas

THE front door closed with a bang! He hadn't made a dollar for three months. "This has to stop," he said emphatically.

A mirage of unpaid accounts were swirling in his mind. Interest was accumulating. Creditors were wanting their money. His little establishment was barely supporting itself, say nothing about salary. It was impossible to sell or trade. What could he do?

His family didn't realize the conditions. Yes, that's the trouble, he rashly decided. Too expensive, they did not co-operate. "Just wait until I get home," he exclaimed, in a very determined voice.

He drove home rapidly. His son and wife spent too much money was all that came to his mind. Frantically, opening the door he strode into the house. "Junior! I am ready to talk to you and mother immediately!

The sixteen year old son gazed at his father in a slow confounded manner.

"What's wrong, dad? Mother is shopping."

"Wrong!" Replied his father in a high pitched voice that his son had rarely witnessed. "You and mother spend too much money!" He shouted.

Junior was thinking fast. Did he know his own father? "Dad! Those old trunks you received from grandfather's estate are wonderful! Come up to my den I'll show you."

His father's old trunks full of junk, yes, some of his grandfather's were there too. Could they be valuable? He eagerly followed his son to the top floor. Junior quite modestly exclaimed, "These stamps are worth several hundred dollars and I'm not half through classifying!"

Unpaid bills forgotten, father and son were intensely interested when mother announced, Dinner!

With the Columnists

Tax Stamps

Did you know—That there is a laundry stamp tax in North Carolina? The state issues a 1c laundry tax stamp—one cent to be paid on every dollar's worth of dirty clothes washed by commercial laundries.

Did you know—That in New York there is an inspection tax stamp on mattresses, pillows, etc. And in Georgia, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas and Alabama there is a tax stamp on feed stuffs. And, last but not least, in Florida there is a tax stamp on fertilizer. Mebbe the "politicians" object to the odor.—In *The Brooklyn Philatelist*, organ of the Brooklyn Stamp Club.

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One way of telling an engraved stamp from a printed one. Place a piece of tinfoil over the stamp in question and rub with a finger nail. If the design shows up, its engraved.—*The Collectors Club Bulletin*, Washington, D. C.

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At our second meeting of the month, Hy. DeWindt showed his extensive collection of Crazy Perfs and Creases, illustrating a side-line of philately which is very interesting and not necessarily expensive. While the U. S. appears to lead in such matters, other countries were not perfect, even the grandmother of all stamps, the 1840 English Penny Black being represented. Much of it was marked for official destruction, but it got out all the same. DeWindt also gave his opinion recently of some P.M.'s he met last summer. Oh, what language! —*The Suburbanite*.

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"Schuschnigg" Labels Warning

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PICTURE PHILATELY

By MONTGOMERY MULFORD

THERE are between four and five hundred castles pictured on the stamps of several countries. The photograph shown presents the now destroyed Alcazar of Toledo, Spain, medieval castle, with the Spanish republican stamp superimposed upon one corner of the picture showing the same scene. The Alcazar, or fortress-castle, is seen from across the Alcantara Bridge with its old sun-gate.

Castles are the monuments to medieval days when knights fought and such strong constructions defended towns and heights. Among the countries prominently known for their castles—shown on stamps—we have Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Japan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Spain, Switzerland, Transjordan, Turkey.

Buildings, I believe, are always interesting upon postage stamps; and castles particularly so. Each one of them seems to have a romantic story connected with its existence, which perhaps accounts for the attraction of such constructions. The castle is one type of structure not native to America.

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Switzerland, castle of Europe in Turkey, are among the better known castles shown on stamps. Each one of these has usually a long and romantic tale to fascinate us. Stirring history has usually occurred at or in the vicinity of each of these edifices, and it will be entertaining to look up such tales.

Then there is Windsor Castle, home of the British royal family, shown on many of the George V. silver jubilee issues, which we should not forget. Probably this castle appears on more stamps than any other castle that has had stampic prominence.

Nagoya in Japan which is associated with the old ruling shoguns (nobility); the Lebanese castles which were associated with the fighting crusaders, Chillon of Switzerland of which Byron tells in his "Prison of Chillon", the German castles where knights contested—certainly the stories are worth knowing, often stranger than fiction! A short account of each castle given with the stamps showing the same, will enhance an album so that it is readable to any who pick it up.

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Introduction

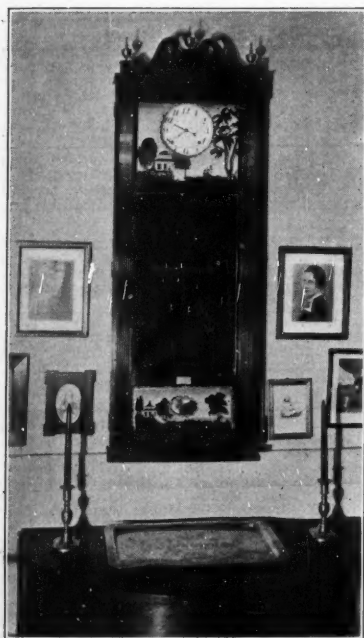
CLOCK movements have been driven by many things—water, sand, wind, weights, coiled springs...and now electricity. But people, however, know that fine brass clock movements were once successfully driven by an ingenious mechanism which utilized the principle of the bow and arrow. It was a development of Joseph Ives of Bristol, Conn., sometime around 1860-1820 to take the place of weights, in common use in all clocks then made in this country. Several Bristol clock firms, working under agreement with Ives, produced clocks with what is now called the wagon spring driving mechanisms.

Coiled main springs had been used in England and on the Continent for clocks, and watches during the 17th century. Because of the varying power of the spring as it unwound, various forms of costly and complicated compensating devices were needed. Because of simplicity, accuracy and cheapness, New England clockmakers were content to use weights until between 1840 and 1845 when methods developed to temper coiled springs in America.

It would be interesting to know just what gave Joseph Ives his idea of using a bow shaped steel spring with multiple leaves—in other words, a miniature wagon spring. The function of such a spring on a vehicle was to cushion the force of blows from ruts and holes in the road—not to deliver a gradual steady flow of stored up energy. The bow and arrow has been found among all people. The long bows of his Norman horde made William, the conqueror of the English. The 13th century cross bow,

with several flat steel leaves required winding gears and a crank not unlike the winding arbor and key of a clock. The small hard bow-drill has been an essential tool used in manufacture since antiquity by all peoples. A long flexible pole fixed at its large end was made to furnish power in many "home factory" operations. Placed parallel to the ground, the free end of the pole depressed by the foot and released suddenly would deliver a sharp blow. Or a cord attached to the small end of the pole and wrapped around a pulley with a ratchet on a shaft, would drive a lathe or other light machinery, if the pole were pushed down with the foot and released. There were many such applications of the principle...any one of which may have given Joseph Ives his idea.

Clockmakers up to Joseph Ives day, considered the clock movement a complete mechanism unto itself. The power that drove the movement was derived from something separate from the movement...something from out-



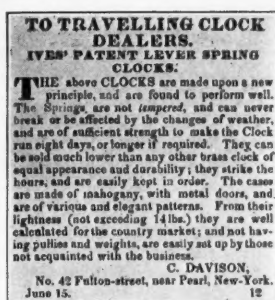
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Joseph Ives Wall Clock (1818-1819). This clock is a step between the tall clock and shelf clock. It is an eight-day type, having iron plates, cast brass wheels, rolling pinions, long pendulum and rack and snail strike mechanism. The case is five-foot, and there is a forty-inch fall for weights.



From the collection of Wyllys C. Ladd of Bristol, Conn.

Another clock by Joseph Ives, New York.



An advertisement in the Connecticut Courant, June 29, 1830.

side to exert pressure—like the pull of the force of gravity upon the iron weights that hung below the movement. When coiled springs were first applied by the Connecticut clockmakers in 1840-1845, they were placed in flat hollow spools, below the movement and attached to the back of the case of the shelf clock. Cords wrapped around these spools were wound on to the winding arbors inside the clock movement, and these arbors were often in the form of "fusees" or tapered drums to compensate for decreasing the pressure as the spring unwound.

The Ives Wagon Spring was also an outside mechanism and it should be studied as an attachment to the movement—not as a device incorporated into the movement. Wagon springs drove the movement 8-days; and, there exist some few 30-day wagon spring clocks built under the Joseph Ives patents. These later clocks are among the most interesting and unique developments of the Connecticut clock makers of the first half of the 19th century—yet very few people, even those well informed on clocks, know of their existence because examples are so rare.

The Ives Family

The Ives family was one of the most remarkable of the Connecticut clockmaking families. They made many contributions to the development of the clock, as a piece of mechanism, and to the progress of that industry in Bristol from the time of the American Revolution to the Civil War.

The founder of the family in America was William Ives, one of the original settlers of New Haven, and a signer of the Fundamental Agreement of Quinnepiac. His son, John, married Hannah Merriam, and she was from a clockmaking family. Their son, John, married Mary Gillette. Their son was Ensign Gideon Ives, known to his associates as the Mighty Hunter of Wallingford. Gideon Ives' daughter was Susannah.

She married Elias Roberts, and their son was Gideon Roberts, the first of the Bristol clockmakers of whom there is definite record, although tradition has it that Elias Roberts, the father also made tall clocks with wooden movements and taught the son.

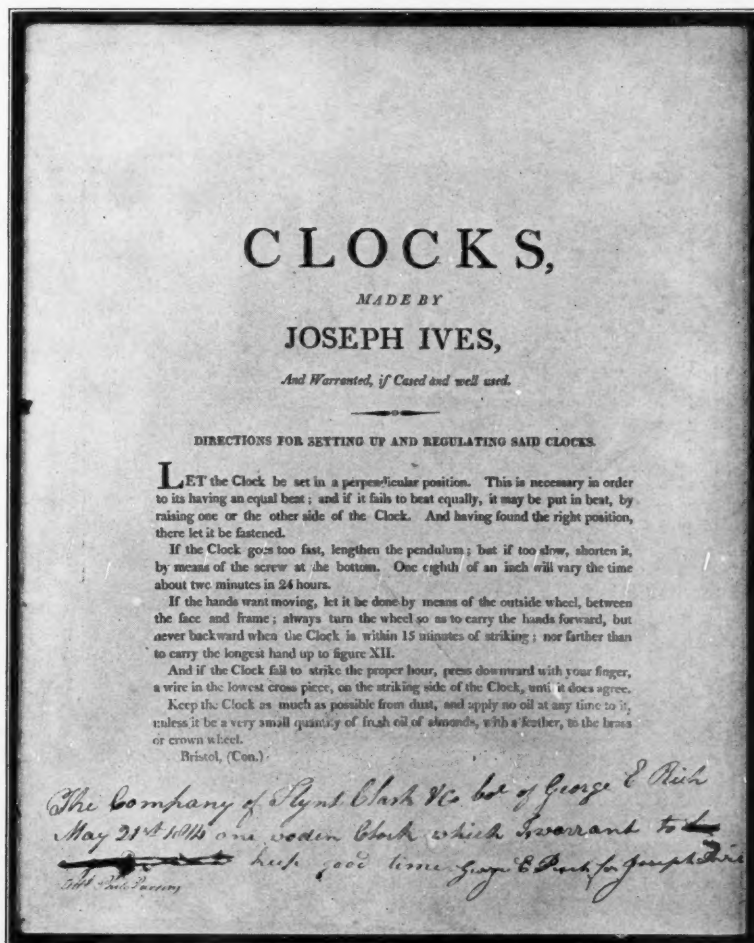
Gideon Roberts, from the end of the Revolution until his death in 1813, made tall clocks with 30-hour wooden movements in large numbers. He and his sons peddled them through Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Southern States on the Seaboard, using Richmond, Va., as sales headquarters. Gideon Roberts shares, with Eli Terry, the credit of having introduced mass production methods into clockmaking—they both having borrowed the basic idea from the Connecticut firearms makers. After Robert's death, several of his sons and grandsons were in the clock business in Bristol.

Gideon Ives, Jr. (son of the Mighty Hunter) had a son, Amasa. The sons

of Amasa were the famous six Ives Brothers, the clockmakers of Bristol. There brothers were: Ira (b. 1775), Amasa (b. 1777), Philo (b. 1780), Joseph (b. 1782), Shaylor (b. 1785) and Chauncey (b. 1787). These brothers had two sisters who married into clockmaking families, and their descendants followed that trade.

When and where the six Ives brothers served their apprenticeships at clockmaking is not a matter of record, but it is tradition that they learned the business in Bristol where they commenced to appear on the Tax Rolls soon after 1800 as the leading clockmakers of that community—competitors of Gideon Roberts and his sons.

Joseph Ives was the outstanding inventive genius of his time, and he has to his credit—many important inventions and patents. For the background of his career, it might be useful to sketch briefly the history of his



From the collection of Edward Ingraham, Bristol, Conn.

Label for tall clock with wooden movement Note: Guarantee dated May 21, 1814.

brothers and nephews and the Ives firms.

Amasa and Chauncey were in partnership in Bristol during 1811 and 1812, under the firm name of Amasa Ives, Jr. & Co., building tall clocks with wooden movements. After the War of 1812, Chauncey Ives was in business under his own name and around 1820 was building shelf clocks with conventional 30-hour wooden movements in beautiful Terry type scroll and pillar cases. For reasons unknown, Chauncey Ives left Bristol, between 1825 and 1830, and lived in New York for a year or two. But in 1830 he was back in Bristol in partnership with his nephew, Lawson Ives, the son of Philo. That firm was known as C. & L. C. Ives (1830-1838), and with that firm brother Joseph,

the genius was connected. The firm made large numbers of fine eight-day, brass weight-driven clocks, using the development and patents of Joseph—although he never was a partner in that business, so far as the records indicate.

Chauncey Ives accumulated quite a fortune for those days, and in some way was able to save it, when the depression of 1837 put his clock firm out of business, and threatened to destroy all clockmaking activities in Connecticut.

He had become actively interested in real estate, and in lending money, and his name will be found as the principal in many deals between 1830 and 1845. After that, he lived for a while in Hartford and then came to New York City where he operated in

real estate, in the neighborhood of 168th Street. Chauncey Ives died in 1857.

After Chauncey withdrew from C. & L. C. Ives, in 1838, the nephew Lawson carried along the business as Lawson C. Ives & Co. until 1843; when competition from the cheap 30-hour brass clock closed up a number of the small fine clock producers of Bristol.

Shaylor Ives, another brother, was in partnership with Elisha C. Brewster from 1840 through 1843, that firm being known as Elisha C. Brewster & Co., and also Brewster & Ives. During that period, Shaylor Ives, who was something of a genius himself, developed a low price brass clock with coiled steel springs—in fact, in the traditions, he is given considerable credit for his contribution to the development of the coiled steel spring.

Subsequently, the Brewster interests were absorbed by Elias Ingraham, one of the pioneers, into the firm of Brewster & Ingraham (1844-52) (a fore-runner of the present E. Ingraham Company).

Ira Ives, the eldest brother, was in the clock business in Bristol from 1809 through 1832. He has a number of patents to his credit and is the first Bristol clockmaker to have secured a patent. There was one patent issued him in 1809 for a "time and striking part", and a clock pinion patent dated 1812. The son of Ira was Joseph Shaylor Ives who worked with his father, and he too was an inventor, and had a patent on a "striking part" issued him in 1828.

Joseph Ives

JOSEPH IVES left his imprint indelibly upon the clock industry, but he did more. To him is due the credit for first developing ways and means of rolling brass into sheets and strips for use in clockmaking; and from that grew the rolled brass industry which, incidentally, is located principally in Connecticut.

Joseph Ives, being a younger brother, began working in the Ives shop in Bristol. In 1812, he was in business for himself making wooden movements for tall clocks. Some of these were 30-hour, and others 8-day movements, and in these later he placed wooden rollers on steel wires held in place by two wooden rings or collars—called rolling pinions. During 1819-1823, Joseph Ives was in the firm of Ives & Lewis, his partner being Levi Lewis. Clocks with the label of that firm are rare. They made 30-hour wooden movement shelf clocks in which there were roller pinions. The pendulums were long so that a case taller than the conventional scroll and pillar case was required. This case had the broken arch across the top with brass urns. There were no feet since the clock was designed to sit on a shelf or stand on the



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mantel. The door was the whole length of the case and below the dial there was a looking glass. At the bottom of the glass was a narrow panel of painted glass containing the peep hole for the pendulum. In general, this case was a modification of the cases used on his 1818-1819 clocks with plates of iron and brass wheels and roller pinions.

In 1822, Joseph Ives obtained a patent upon a looking glass clock case and, incidentally, the case of this Ives & Lewis (1819-1823) clock is almost identical with the cases used by Jeromes & Darrow soon after they were organized in 1824. These cases appear to have been made by the same case maker—perhaps it was Chauncey Jerome since he, at that period, was essentially a case maker, but the patent on the case was issued to Joseph Ives.

It was not until 1833 that Joseph Ives secured his patents upon his famous brass rolling pinions but as has been indicated, he had used roller pinions in nearly all the movements he had produced during the 20 years prior to the issuance of the patents.

When Eli Terry patented, in 1816, his 30-hour wooden shelf clock, most

of his contemporaries quickly "pirated" his plan for a clock. But there is no evidence that Joseph Ives followed suit.

When the tall clock with wooden movements went out before the cheap 30-hour wooden shelf clock, Joseph Ives began making fine brass eight day clocks with cast-brass wheels. And to the end of his days, he devoted his time and attention to creating fine mechanisms and was never interested in the mass production of cheap clocks with wooden or brass movements.

Seldom did Joseph Ives do anything in the conventional manner, and he refused to follow the set pattern in clockmaking, as is evidenced by his radical departures from the orthodox—such as his Wagon Spring driving mechanism to take the place of customary weights—his rolling pinions; and, his introduction of rolled strip brass. Under the old method, clock frames were laboriously cut individually from cast brass plates which had been hammered and filed to the desired thicknesses. Joseph Ives made the plates or frames from rolled brass strips crossed and riveted, so that the arbors went through both

thicknesses of the two strips where they crossed. In his patent of 1833, covering his roller pinions, there is a line drawing of a brass movement with the frame built up of strips crossed and riveted, which definitely dated this development before 1833; and there are Joseph Ives clocks made before 1830 that have such movements.

Chauncey Jerome, in his autobiography written in 1860, records "...an Ives family in Bristol were quite conspicuous as clockmakers. They were good mechanics. One of these, Joseph Ives, has done a great deal towards improving the eight day brass clock..."

And Jerome might have truthfully added, that had not Joseph Ives introduced the use of rolled brass before 1833, and had not the brass industry gotten under way in Connecticut about that time, the clockmaking industry in Connecticut could not have developed so rapidly as a result of the 30-hour cheap rolled brass clock introduced by Jerome after 1833. Incidentally, it was the competition from Jerome's cheap brass clock which kept Joseph Ives in financial trouble all the

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rest of his life—for he specialized in fine brass clocks.

In his books entitled, "Connecticut Clockmakers of the 18th Century", Penrose R. Hoopes wrote:

"...the true significance of Joseph Ives' invention was not appreciated by the inventor or his contemporaries. It lay not in the rolling pinion principal, nor in any of the other details of mechanical design, but in the application of a new material—rolled brass—in the construction of clocks. This was an achievement of the first magnitude, and while it cannot be asserted that the idea was not anticipated by German clockmakers, Joseph Ives is certainly entitled to the place of the founder of the American rolled brass industry..."

The making of the tall clock with wooden movements came to an abrupt end in Connecticut soon after Eli Terry developed his scroll and pillar 30-hour wooden movement shelf clock, (patented in 1816). While fine cast brass eight day movements for both tall clocks, and wall clocks continued to be made even after the War of 1812, the number was limited, and grew less year by year. Finally, the tall clocks ended but the fine 8-day wall and shelf clocks with brass movements continued to be made in spite of the growing competition from the low priced wooden movements.

Joseph Ives in 1818-19 developed an 8-day movement with plates of iron and the wheels cut from cast brass. These movements had rolling pinions. The strike train was actuated by the rack and snail mechanism. Because of the fall of the weights and the very long pendulum (39 inches), these clocks required a case about 5 feet tall. They were made to hang on the wall, stand on a shelf or on the mantel. This was a very accurate timekeeper, and the case was very handsome. The retail price of this clock must have been quite high in comparison with the 30-hour wooden clocks which sold for \$15, and not a great many of this type were made. However, it was the beginning of a series of inventions which had a wide influence upon the clock, as a piece of mechanism. On March 21, 1822, Jo-

seph Ives was granted the patent, upon what he termed a "Looking Glass Clock Case," and these are the cases in which the 1818-19 movements are now found. In reality this Ives clock was a step in between the tall clock and the brass shelf clock as it was developed after 1816.

Coiled main springs had been used in England, and on the Continent for both clocks and watches during the 17th century. Because of the prohibitive costs of coiled springs, and the fact that weights afforded a more accurate source of driving power, the New England clockmakers were quite content with weights. It was not until between 1840 and 1845 that the American clock industry began to change over from weights to coiled steel springs for the driving power.

Ives Wagon Spring

SOON after Eli Terry had arrived at volume production of his 30-hour wooden shelf clock, between 1816 and 1820, Joseph Ives began experiments with a spring driven mechanism to attach to this wooden movement and take the place of the weights. It was a novel and ingenious power plant—original in conception and unlike anything ever used before or since in the art of clock-making. The springs were multileaf flat steel strips. There were links, levers and cams to equalize spring pressures as the clock ran down. There were drums to compound the pressures, as pullies had been used to compound the weights in the tall clocks.

There exists a wagon spring clock—an experimental but advanced working model—made apparently by Joseph Ives sometime between 1816 and 1820. It is owned by Howard Palmer of Westerly, R. I., a discriminating collector of the Bristol type of shelf clocks. This experimental model has a 30-hour wooden movement with wooden roller pinions to reduce the friction. It is housed in a Terry scroll and pillar type case. If Joseph Ives succeeded in developing this wagon spring power plant as a driving mechanism to displace weights in the Terry type shelf clock, examples of his commercial output

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have not survived. This one experimental model is the only one known.

Joseph Ives, for reasons unknown, went to New York after 1825, and his name appears in the city directories including 1830, as a clock-maker on Poplar Street, Brooklyn. There are some fine eight day brass clocks with frames of the movement made of rolled brass strips crossed and riveted, and with roller pinions driven by the multi-leaf flat wagon springs. On the dial is, Joseph Ives, New York, and in the case is a printed label... "Manufactured and sold by Joseph Ives, Brooklyn, Long Island, New York."

In the Connecticut Courant of June 29, 1830, there was an advertisement by a New York City clock dealer, offering clock peddlers the Ives Patent Lever Spring Clock. These clocks made at this time had cases which show the influence of Duncan Phyfe, the great furniture maker of New York of that day.

Joseph Ives was a poor business man, and usually was in financial difficulties. According to tradition, he was unable to meet his obligations around 1830, and faced debtors' prison in New York. John Birge, one of the great Bristol clockmakers, is supposed to have gotten him out of trouble, and persuaded him to return to Bristol. Soon after 1830, Joseph was back in Bristol working with C. & L. C. Ives, who were using his type of strip rolled brass frame clock movement with roller pinions.

On August 27, 1834, a group of Bristol clockmakers headed by John Birge, for \$10,000 purchased from Joseph Ives the "...benefits and privileges of certain inventions and improvements in the structure of clocks which benefit was secured to him, the said Ives, by Letters Patent being dated April 12, 1833..." These patents covered the Rolling Pinions, and Birge firms and Ives firms made these clocks.

After Joseph Ives returned from Brooklyn, he continued to work on his wagon spring clock, and Birge & Fuller (1844-1847) took over the rights to manufacture fine eight day brass clocks, driven by the wagon spring mechanism. These clocks have the

double steeple gothic cases, and many examples are running perfectly today.

On February 24, 1845, was issued to Joseph Ives the first patent covering this unique wagon spring idea. It seems passing strange that in this patent, no reference was made to the fact that for at least, twenty-five years this mechanism was in process of development and was utilized by Joseph Ives in his manufacturing between 1825-1830. No reference was made in that patent of 1845, to the existence of a previous patent covering this general principle—if such a patent had been issued to Joseph Ives or others as has been generally assumed.

The exact date that coiled springs began to be adopted in Connecticut is not a matter of published record, but the shift from weights to coiled springs was well under way when Joseph Ives in 1845 secured his first wagon spring patent. The bulk of the clocks made in Connecticut after 1845 were driven by coiled steel springs, and these cost much less, obviously, to build than the clock with the wagon spring mechanism. Nevertheless, in spite of the severe competition of the cheaper clocks the wagon spring clock continued to be built up to 1860.

It is passing strange that there exist today so few clocks with labels showing the name of Joseph Ives—especially since he was connected with so many firms in various capacities and so many firms manufactured under his patents. Sometime after Birge & Fuller (1844-47) stopped making wagon springs, Joseph Ives was in business by himself in Plainville, Farmington, Conn., making a cheap brass 30-hour movement driven by a single leaf bow shaped spring which like a horse shoe was above and around the movement. The case was shaped something like an hour glass or the famous Acorn clocks of J. C. Brown—Forestville Manufacturing Co.

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is the label which reads: "Improved patent brass clocks manufactured by Joseph Ives, Plainville, Farmington, Ct." These movements had roller pinions and a long pendulum. Very few of these clocks are known to exist at this time.

After Birge & Fuller (1844-47) ceased to manufacture eight-day clocks under the Ives patents, Irenus Atkins and his associates formed Atkins, Whiting & Co., and in 1850 made an agreement with Joseph Ives to work under his patents. That arrangement continued until 1856 when Joseph Ives terminated it, because of non-fulfillment of the contract.

30 Day Wagon Spring Clocks

ATKINS, WHITING & CO., (1850-54) and the successor, Atkins Clock Mfg. Co. (1853-58) made an improved type of wagon spring clock that would run thirty days with one winding. These clocks were among the finest ever made—and apparently very few of them were made—in fact, only fifteen or twenty of them now exist.

The small brass movement of these 30-day clocks had no strike train, being two separate time trains geared together. They were enclosed in two pierced rings of brass. There were roller pinions throughout the movement. Some few had rollers on the ends of the verge, while others had what is known as the "Squirrel cage" escape being two rings or collars which held in place the steel roller pinions. The pressures built up by the heavy multi-leaf flat steel wagon spring were very great. To take the pressure off the movement there was a heavy iron base to which was bolted, through its middle, the wagon spring—the ends being free. One end of the spring drove one time train, the

other end of the spring the other time train, the two trains being geared together by one central wheel. Two cast iron frames were bolted to the base and the brass movement rested on top. Between the two cast iron frames were carried the levers, cams, links, and drums which compounded and equalized the pressures created by the wagon spring. These clocks had 9 1/2 inch pendulums and the pendulum rod was always made of an oval pine stick, which did not contract and expand with the weather, and changes of temperature, and therefore was more accurate.

It is strange that of the existing known specimens of the 30-day clocks, only two carry labels of the makers. One of these has the Atkins, Whiting & Co. label and the other the label of the Atkins Clock Manufacturing Co.

The 30-day clocks were usually placed in cases known as the Regulator wall clocks, the cases being circular or hexagonal around the dial with a square drop below for the pendulum. There were also a few placed in square plain mantel cases with two doors. Some were great wall clocks.

Very few know of these rare clocks—even those collectors who have specialized in Bristol type mantel clocks, and because of their scarcity they are in great demand, which will necessarily increase as time goes on.

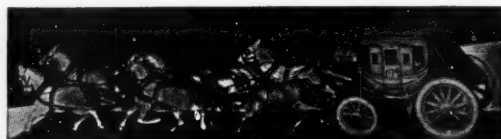
In 1859, Ives secured patents on a further development of the wagon spring principle, and upon a very unique type of clock movement made of "tin plate." He made arrangements with Elisha C. Brewster to manufacture under his patents of 1860.

After Joseph Ives died in 1862, his wagon spring development passed into oblivion and no effort was made to revive it. It seems too bad that a piece of mechanism so fine and one so unique and ingenious as the wagon spring could not have survived. It was doomed to succumb, however, to competition from the domestic coiled steel spring, which soon after 1850 became dependable in quality, low in price, compact in size, and simple in operation.

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WHY COLLECT CLOCKS

By HENRY W. CONRAD

WHY should I be interested in making a collection of clocks? This question has been asked of me many times. Of all the antiques to me the clock is the most interesting. It is alive; it has a voice; it links us with the past; it is not merely a piece of furniture. A clock is a very fine companion. To me a room is very dull and lonely if there is no clock voice there.

A certain sentimental fondness for old time pieces, and because of an attachment for one very old one created a desire several years ago for making a collection of interesting time pieces. Old clocks actually link us with the past and could tell us much of the lives of our forefathers.

Most of all I treasure an old cuckoo clock. It is a German product having been made in the little village of Schonwald in the Black Forest about 1825 and brought to this country by my grandparents in 1849. It is in excellent condition and keeps good time.

The collecting of shelf clocks is especially interesting due to the fact that most all of them bear the maker's name and the place where he lived and plied his trade. It is not often that a collector of glass or furniture knows either the maker or the place of manufacture of his article. Just as there is a great variety for glass collectors there are also many styles and makes of clocks.

Many, many clocks are numbered in my collection with no two alike except for two small Seth Thomas clocks which we call our twins.

Let me tell you about one of the most interesting members of my clock family, a wag-on-the-wall of German origin. Some one is sure to ask, what is a wag-on-the-wall? In many cases particularly with country clock makers who sent their products to customers at a distance, it was expected that the cabinet maker in the neighborhood would make the case. You understand that shipping was very difficult in olden days and in some localities was impossible. Frequently the works were hung up without the owner going to either the trouble or expense of having a case made. Hence the name wag-on-the-wall.

The large wag which I just mentioned is a very pretty specimen. The wooden face or dial is decorated with a ship at the top and has flowers in natural colors on each side. It has wooden works, one day's time,

and winds by pulling the weights. This clock is more than a hundred years old. Beside this large specimen I have very recently acquired a very nice miniature wag.

Two other very interesting and rare members of my clock family worth mentioning are, an Eli Terry clock with a thirty hour wooden movement made between the years of 1814 and 1841; the other a Seth Thomas "pillar and scroll" made at Plymouth Hollow, Connecticut, about 1820. The case is mahogany and satin wood. The glass is hand made and has its original painting.

Other clocks too numerous to mention are of various sizes and styles of cases, some have carved pilasters decorated with flowers, cases with gold stenciled half columns on the sides, some of the cases are finished in veneers of rosewood, mahogany, and walnut. There are cases of square, oblong, and pinnacled shapes, such as the steeple clock. These clocks are of various movements, thirty-hour, eight-day and thirty-day.

Many more clocks could have found a place in my clock family except for one requirement, they must be able to be restored to running condition. If one has no hobby this is one which can be taken up with not much strain on the pocket-book as there are many of these fine old clocks stored away in the corner of an attic and with very little work of cleaning and repairing can again be made useful members of any household.

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IN presenting his section on Secretary-Bookcases, in "American Antique Furniture," Edgar G. Miller, Jr. quotes from Lockwood's "Colonial Furniture in America," telling how in our country in the first part of the eighteenth century "there were four words used interchangeably to denote a piece of furniture for writing purposes, viz.; desk, scrutoirs, escrutoire and bureau.

Prior to 1700 the word "desk" is said to have meant a box for holding writing paper and also the family Bible. Some years before that date reference is found to "escrutoire" or "scrutoire."

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VALUING OLD WATCHES BY ELIMINATION

HOW TO IDENTIFY SPECIMENS THAT ARE NOT RARE.

By JOHN J. BOWMAN

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DURING a quarter-century of experience in judging the rarity and value of old timepieces, I have been impressed by the fact that nearly all of the specimens submitted have no value, from the competent collector's viewpoint. Letters describing old watches, or the watches themselves find their way to me from various sources, in numbers totalling more than five thousand during the period stated. It is safe to say that fully nine-tenths of these were watches that had in them no elements of value. This fact suggested that an article written in a negative sense—explaining how to identify certain specimens that are not valuable—might be more useful than to write at very much greater length attempting to explain how to recognize watches that *are* rare and therefore more or less valuable.

When an old timepiece turns up, the owner naturally thinks, or is told, that here is a valuable little piece of property! The thing looks so odd and different from the watches of today, that its rarity is immediately assumed. The owner is in no position to know whether or not there are many similar specimens in the market, and writes about it to someone who is supposed to be an authority. Most of the letters so received seem to expect a reply stating a high valuation, instead of asking whether the piece has any value at all. Since most such letters have to be answered disappointingly, no doubt a great sum-total of grief to inquirers, and of waste labor in writing and postage expense all around, can be saved by explaining how anyone can identify certain of the classes of old timepieces that have no antiquarian value. That is the purpose of this article.

Published books all together contain lists of about fifty thousand former watch and clock makers, in business all over the world, most of them between about A. D. 1650 and 1850. These lists include all of the prominent makers of the period named. But, particularly during the later portion of that period, there were many thousands of makers who are not represented on any of the published lists. When a watch turns up bearing an unlisted maker's name, we

have to judge its age and rarity by applying our knowledge of the history of the technical evolution of watch mechanism, and of design and decoration of watch cases. This explains why authorities often cannot give information about the age and origin of watches when the owner writes merely a maker's name by way of description. In such cases, what must be further called for is a description of the movement—the "works"—of the watch, in detail, and of the design and ornamentation of the case. This may be furnished in the form of sketches or photographs, if the inquirer has no technical knowledge of watches; or by a watchmaker in a verbal description. From these, the horological historian can usually judge at least approximately the age of the watch, and can see whether any features of it are unusual and interesting, and altogether whether the specimen has about it anything that would justify a hope of a sale-value any higher than the junk value of the gold or silver in the case.

But there is a large class of watches, bearing makers' names which alone are sufficient for judging value, the makers in these cases being well known because of the magnitude of their businesses and not because there was anything noteworthy in the watches sold under their names.

There is a historical background for what will be said about these watches, that should be understood.

The earliest supplier of watches for the American market was England. That country, prior to the rise of the Swiss watch industry, was the only one with a great world-export trade in watches. Other European countries made watches principally for their own markets.

So nearly all watches sold in America until about the decade 1840-1850 came from England. After that time, not only did Swiss watches invade the American field in rapidly increasing numbers, but the beginning of watch manufacturing in America was also seen; and the importation of English watches here rapidly declined from 1850, and the industry in England itself began to disintegrate. Remember, however, that what we are saying concerns

only the making of commercial or middle-grade watches, and not the few exceptionally fine hand-made masterpieces. Most of the latter that are in existence are already preserved in collections, and very seldom does an inquiry disclose one of them.

The boast of the English, that they "make the best watches in the world", was largely justified until shortly after 1800; then a sign of decadence appeared. English makers of good reputation began to buy watches of quality inferior to English standards, in Switzerland, having them engraved as if made in England, for export to countries where a high reputation existed for English watches. At first this was a money-making operation. The demand for English watches had outgrown the supply, and the unlimited supply available from Switzerland made up the shortage; besides, Swiss watches could be bought for less than it cost to make them in England.

But this exploitation for profit, of the English reputation, destroyed what it fed upon—the earlier well-deserved fame of English watches; and the inferior Swiss-made "English" watch lowered the English reputation so as to actually help the Swiss in their approaching conquest of the American market.

Coming now to the English makers' names found on the thousands of Swiss-made watches that are the subjects of the bulk of the inquiries, nearly all of these have Liverpool, England, as the address of the makers. The reason for this is that Liverpool was the principal seaport for export trade to America, so that firms engaged in that trade naturally located in Liverpool. The names of the largest of these Liverpool firms are obviously those most often found on watches of the class under discussion; and the largest of all was the Tobias firm.

There were two branches of the Tobias house—the earlier one established in the Wapping seaport district of London, by Morris Tobias, who made watches and clocks, but whose principal business was in marine chronometers. This London Tobias concern dated from 1794 to 1842. Its work must not be confused with that of the Liverpool Tobias; Morris Tobias' pieces are scarce and hardly ever found, and one of them might have considerable value.

It is the Liverpool Tobias firm whose name is found on so many thousands of watches in use in America a century, more or less, ago; and it is these watches more than any others, about which disappointing replies must be given to inquiries as to their value. This firm, according to a search of Liverpool directories, was in business from 1807 to 1864. The various names with which its watches

were signed are: Miel I. Tobias; Miel Isaac Tobias; M. I. Tobias; Myer Isaac Tobias; M. I. Tobias & Co., and M. J. Tobias & Co.—the latter more than any of the others. Its locations in Liverpool were, in succession, No. 5 Pool Lane; 20 Lord St.; 22 Lord St., and 3 Doran Lane.

Nearly all Tobias watches found are seen to be signed M. J. Tobias & Co.—“and thereby hangs a tale”. The use of J. instead of I. as the middle initial indicates that the watch so engraved was made in Switzerland instead of in England. This was probably not intended as a code-device for telling where the watch was made, but arose from the fact that in Switzerland, the old usage in which I and J were interchangeable, was in effect as it still is to some extent. So it is safe to say that if your Tobias watch has this J initial, it is one of the many thousands of watches exported to America from Switzerland via England by that firm. And because of the undistinguished quality as well as the great number of these watches in existence, they are of no more value than the junk value of the silver or gold in these cases. The typical movement-design in them is with a “bar” framework; this you can recognize because all of the wheels can be seen upon opening the case, whereas in other types, most of the wheels are hidden by the upper plate of the movement—the metal plate in which can be seen the jewels or pivot-bearing holes, when the case is opened. So, if your watch corresponds to the bar design described, and bears the signature explained, you may avoid disappointment and some expense in inquiries, by not trying to find a buyer except in the scrap-metal market.

The Tobias watches are most numerous among those of no value as collectors' specimens. And in this class, for the same principal reasons, although not in every detail similarly, are several other makes. These are not in as great number as the Tobias watches, simply because their ostensible makers did not do the huge volume of business Tobias did; but still there are far too many of them for any shadow of rarity that would make them worth more than the junk value of the metal in their cases.

The firm-names on the watches referred to are: Joseph Johnson; J. Harrison; John Beesley; Jno. Jackson; William Taylor; John Ward; Wm. Wilkinson; R. Hornby; Richard Wilson, and Wm. Wood. There are quite a large number of others that could be classified with these; but which bear names of firms that did comparatively small business, so that their watches are seldom met with, and will not be named here for that reason. The firms named all were in

Liverpool, just as Tobias was, no doubt because that city was the principal export seaport for American trade. There was one peculiar exception to this, in watches signed Robert Roskell. Roskell was a maker in Liverpool who really did make high-grade timepieces—marine chronometers and clocks, as well as watches. But he, too, or successors of his, eventually fell into the way of having watches made in Switzerland, engraved with his name and as if made in England; but while he used Liverpool as address on his superior grade English timepieces, he placed London as the address on his Swiss trade watches! So a Roskell, Liverpool, watch might be valuable; but a Roskell, London, watch is quite sure to have no value, in the same way as in the case of the Tobias and other Liverpool export-trade watches.

Now that HOBBIES readers have been shown how to avoid wasted effort in trying to sell certain old watches at a premium, it remains to advise what to do about watches that do not seem to fall within the class that is undoubtedly valueless. I have the permission of Robert A. Franks, Chairman of the Committee on Historical Horology of The Horological Institute of America, to invite anyone to write to him for his opinion on watches that are presumed to have value. Mr. Franks' address is in care of Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., where he is curator of the collections of timepieces. In writing, it is of course important to state a full description of the watch. Perhaps your local watchmaker could help you with this; or you might send photographs, showing separately the outside—the case and dial—and the “works”, showing as much detail of the mechanism as possible. I will add the suggestion that postage for reply be sent with an inquiry. One may not realize the great number of such inquiries that come to an authority; and if he is willing to do the work gratis, it is little enough to relieve him of what may amount to a serious total expense for postage. (Copyrighted by John J. Bowman)

Old Ecclesiastical Embroidery

Throughout Europe during the Middle Ages wealth and skill were lavished on embroidered vestments for the use of the church. Of the relatively small number of medieval embroideries which have survived, the majority are still in church treasuries, though some are in European museums. A few are in private collections in Europe while a still smaller number have reached America. One of these, a mitre dating from the thirteenth century from the Abbey Church of St. Peter in Salzburg, has recently been acquired by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The mitre is the traditional liturgical head-dress of the Catholic Church, proper to bishops although the right to wear the mitre might be, and frequently was, bestowed by the Pope on other dignitaries of the church.

The episcopal mitre as we know it today with its two points or horns, one before and one behind, did not come into use until the late twelfth century. An earlier form was a simple cone-shaped or round cap which was sometimes decorated with a band of weaving or embroidery placed across the top from front to back, thus forcing the soft material into two mounds. As late as the end of the twelfth century, mitres with two points, worn so that the points appeared on either side of the head rather than at the back and front, may be seen in illuminated manuscripts and episcopal seals. In spite of these variations the ecclesiastical mitre was always characterized by pendant ribbons or infulae. There is no mention of a mitre as a liturgical head-dress before the middle of the eleventh century nor have earlier representations of it been found though the fact that it derives from a Greek word signifying a band, head-band or head-dress points to an earlier secular or pagan origin.

In two well known ecclesiastical inventories of the thirteenth century there are records of mitres. One of these is the Inventory of the Treasure of the Holy See in 1295 under Boniface VIII published by Emile Molinier in 1888. In this inventory mitres are described which were decorated with gold, emeralds and pearls as well as other precious stones, enamel and gold embroidery. The very richness and value of the materials doomed these embroideries to destruction. The other inventory, that of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, written down in the same year and published in 1653 describes five among the nine mitres listed as being decorated with stars. One cannot but suppose that the mitres which were then in London, none of which as far as is known having survived, were very like the mitre from Salzburg in the Museum of Fine Arts.

Among the medieval embroideries which still exist are the fragments of a mitre dating from the thirteenth century found in the tomb of Saint Edme at the Abbey of Pontigny. Enough remains to indicate that it was embroidered with gold stars. In addition, there are drawings in the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris of two thirteenth century mitres similarly decorated.

A complete mitre surviving of the thirteenth century, such as the Boston Museum of Fine Arts owns, is indeed notable.

ANTIQUERS ROUND-TABLE

A New Kind of Trickery Described

New York State.
November 28, 1938.

Dear Mr. Lightner:

I have just read Ruth Webb Lee's enlightening article concerning that aggregation of thieves who have so successfully raided antique shops throughout the country. It certainly is time all dealers should know about it, and past time something should be done about it.

Another brand of thievery has been afoot in this part of New York State lately, and possibly in some other state for aught I know. According to all that I have been so far able to discover, the two miscreants figuring in this episode first put in their appearance near Catskill, N. Y., on the morning of November 2. Posing as two dealers from Woodstock, Va., they passed through the portal of Mrs. Vincent's shop in Catskill. With a business-like air they purchased \$115 worth of articles and gave her a check drawn on the Commercial and Savings Bank of Winchester, Va., signed "GEORGE DAVIS".

Mrs. Vincent, pleased at the nice sale; called up on the phone a dealer friend of hers, Fred Smith on the Palenville road; explaining that she was sending over a couple of good buyers from the south. With the way thus paved in advance for them, the two scapegoats were bid welcome at Mr. Smith's. They bought rather carefully here, one cautioning the other, who was doing the buying to be careful about paying too much of a price, as it had to be resold at a profit. The buyer did not stop however until his bill had reached \$103. Here another check as before, was left.

They next darkened the door of Estella Alden, a dealer of many years standing. After one and one-half hours of palaver they bought goods amounting to \$133. She was given a nice crisp check in return. A fair enough exchange she thought, as some of the pieces she had owned for some time.

The two jackanapes called it a day after they had purchased \$66 worth of choice items from Mrs. Frank Bedell of Coxsackie, left a check and borrowed \$30 in cash.

It so happened that on the afternoon of November 7, I was away from home collecting. Amid a stream

of other lookers and buyers, the two marauders drifted in. My mother, pretty well tired out, waited on them, her attention being distracted from time to time by other customers. After some dickering they loaded \$141 worth of furniture and glass, and giving the inevitable check, drove away.

I was a little suspicious of the check, upon examining it after my return, so I took it to the bank as soon as possible and put it through. It returned in ten days marked "No Account". I notified the State police at Cobleskill immediately. An alarm was broadcast covering the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Ohio; giving a description of the men and their mode of operation.

The license plates on the car were stolen from a Ford coupe in Arlington, Va., the trailer plates were five years old.

The cars they are using have been described as follows: a dark colored sedan with two wheeled box type trailer attached, trailer painted dark outside, light inside; a Plymouth coupe, gray color, with gray trailer of same type as first.

A composite description of the two men is as follows:

Man No. 1—Age about 40, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, weight 140 pounds, dark hair, dark complexion, sunken features. Appears to be near sighted. Last seen wearing gray suit, fine checked.

Man No. 2—Age about 35, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, weight 140 pounds, dark hair, dark complexion. Last seen wearing brown suit and dark hat.

Either is adept at buying and selecting readily saleable items. They alternate at each shop visited. They change cars. They might change their clothes; but they are not liable to put on extra height or weight on short notice, or to change materially their complexion.

Each check they have given has been on the same bank and each one has come back "No Account". They have claimed to have been from Woodstock at every place visited.

It may be that they will make no further raids right away in this state, or nearby ones. It may be that they

will seek a warmer haven in the far south this winter. But I imagine they will continue their depredations somewhere, sometime; the picking has been so easy for them thus far.

I have told all I know concerning them at this time, save that they are supposed to have been seen on the night of November 21 at Kinderhook, N. Y., headed in a northerly direction.

It is my sincere hope that no more trusting dealers will be caught by these grand larceny artists, but they might be, if they are not warned. I have personally mailed over one hundred printed notices, distributed another hundred and have three hundred more to distribute.

Several of the dealers hereabouts have asked me to write you, and see if you would be kind enough to publish a note in your magazine about these crooks. It certainly would strengthen our hands, if you could find it possible to do so.

Very truly yours,

Chester E. Parry.

A Law Needed

Ohio.—It was with great interest that I read the publisher's editorial in November *HOBBIES*. He always seems to take the right slant or at least his ideas are very much in accord with mine and inasmuch as he called for a few comments I am going to make mine against the fakers. In the first place it shouldn't be possible to fake without making yourself liable. Although one might sell an article to a party as a reproduction someone along the line is going to forget. It is just too bad that this idea of faking has taken a hold on the business and just when it is spoiling such a nice profitable trade. But to complain and not offer a remedy will get us nowhere. My suggestion is this: Pass a law making it necessary for all merchandise to be dated and signed. When this is in effect I think we will have something for you can prosecute under the head of forgery. It seems to me that a law could easily be passed at this particular time as it is a big cry in the country for "hot dated" stuff. It isn't as hard to pass a law now as it used to be. Well, so much for this part of my story. But here is still another comment I want to add. The publisher is correct when he says Indian relics are a popular hobby. I have just run a series of twelve Ads in *HOBBIES* and in each one I advertised merchandise of quality. In some cases I got very few responses, but I sold the first collection to the first answer which came by airmail and arrived two days before I received my copy of *HOBBIES*. I was so enthused that I went out and bought a \$3000 collection of Indian relics. —M. O. Hallock.

College Girl Turns Junk-Snooper

By PATRICIA BENSON

ANTIQUING gets in your blood! It gives dark dingy second-hand stores an intriguing quality; dirty junk yards shriek with possibilities that dare you to seek them; it spurs you on and on to appease an appetite which grows with every find.

My first feeling for antiques was passive. I observed the enthusiasm of my parents but I couldn't share it. I tried to learn. The points they carefully explained were interesting and I learned them well but the joy of beholding was not mine. Always I had tried to capture this genuine love.

Well, one day it came. During the last part of my college career, I was strolling down a side street when I came upon a second-hand store. I ambled in—I don't know why, just one of those reasonless activities which I frequently enjoy. The minute I was in the door, I knew! There on a shelf in all its pomp and beauty was a shelf clock—what a peach! I wanted it! I lived in a house full of girls, in a tiny much too crowded room, but I wanted that clock and for the reasonable sum of three dollars it was mine. I really couldn't afford it with all the expenses of college life but I didn't care a bit. All I thought about was owning the clock. I believed the expenses would take care of themselves and I guess they did because they are gone and forgotten but the clock is just as pleasing now as it was then.

From then on my visits to second-hand stores became a matter of routine but the thrill of finding something worthwhile never did. There was the time I found the Bennington teapot and then again the Sheffield bread basket. The joy of finding and the pleasantries of rearranging and admiring my treasures added that necessary spice to my life.

My scope of seeking broadened until I even frequented junk yards. Nothing was too much effort to find a treasure, nor was any place too remote. I trudged hither and thither, indulging in my hobby whenever time permitted.

By this time I thought I was a rather enthusiastic collector, little did I realize the grip this hobby had on me.

One fine day in the spring, I went for a stroll with a mild, sedate and proper professor. We strolled leisurely down a street which I had never seen. There I saw for the first time a fine junk yard. I knew I must curb my impulse to explore it. I tried hard but it was then I knew the antique-bug had bitten and I was a helpless victim.

In the end, the professor stood helplessly beside a barrel with his arms filled with dishes while I dug further and further. I didn't mind the professor's despair nor my abused clothing, all I experienced was the joy of the conqueror—the junk yard had dared me to seek and I had found!

Noah Webster's Desk

The original desk of Noah Webster will be one of the many historical relics to be displayed at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay.

The desk will be part of the display of the G. & C. Merriam Company of Springfield, Mass., publishers of Webster dictionaries for almost a century. The exterior of the Merriam exhibit will represent the outside of a Colonial house, white clapboarded and green shuttered. Inside there will be an adaptation of a Colonial interior. A fine oil painting of Webster, supplementary furnishings, wallpaper and panelling will accentuate the feeling of a New England interior.

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Glass And China

GLASS PAPERWEIGHTS

VISITORS to the Chicago Antiques Exposition and Hobby Show this year saw the marvelous collection of paperweights which Mr. Bastien of A. Starr Best, Inc., brought over from England. With the collection he found a copy of a lecture that was delivered before a luncheon club by the previous owner. While the lecture was written for the benefit of the non-collector, it is interesting to note his remarks which are given herewith:

"As you were waiting for dinner this evening, some of you may have noticed a collection of small round glass objects, arranged on a table slightly out of your reach, and many of you probably wondered what they are; so I have been told to give you a few words of explanation.

"They are what in the antique trade are usually known as Bristol glass paperweights. Of course, any heavy glass object which is used for keeping papers from flying about the room is a glass paperweight, but those in the ante-room, about which I am going to try to tell you something are made of solid glass throughout, the center part consisting of intricate colored glass spirals, mosaics and flowers, arranged in a large variety of attractive patterns. Very little is really known of the history of these so-called Bristol glass paperweights except that comparatively few of them were made in Bristol, but to some extent they explain themselves, as any object of beauty always must.

"When anyone sees these paperweights for the first time, he or she invariably asks some or all of the following questions:

1. When were they made?
 2. Where were they made?
 3. How were they made?
 4. How does one distinguish between the genuine and the imitations?
- "I will try, as briefly as possible, to give some sort of answers to these questions.

"First, where were they made? The

finest ones were probably made at Bristol and Stourbridge in England, and in France at Baccarat, about twenty-five miles southeast of Nancy and at Saint Louis on the present French frontier, just north of Basle. Some were undoubtedly also made in the United States, but I have never been able to discover in what way the American ones can be distinguished from the European ones. Very likely there is no difference. I should be most grateful to anyone who could enlighten me on this point.

"The second question to be answered is when they were made. The earliest recorded date of their manufacture appears to be 1825, but they have been made much earlier than that. The period at which they reached their height in workmanship and design was between 1847 and 1850. A large number are known to have been shown at the great Exhibition of 1851. And they continued to be made in more and more intricate patterns until the late 70's.

"Some of these paperweights have the date of their manufacture included in minute figures in the pattern. Of genuine paperweights only five dates appear to be known, namely the five years from 1845 to 1849, inclusive. Of these the commonest are 1848 and 1847, the others being exceedingly rare. Sometimes the letters "B" or "SL" are added above the date. The most generally accepted theory is that these letters mean that the weights bearing them were made at the Baccarat and the Saint Louis glass factories respectively. It is extremely unlikely that the letter "B" means, as is often supposed, that they were made in Bristol, as the type of dated paperweight bearing this letter was almost certainly made in France.

"The next point is as to how they were made. The earliest glass paperweights were very rough affairs, consisting of a jumble of odds and ends of beautiful broken colored wine glass stems and bits of colored tubing and glass rod, but soon the workmen tried

to get some symmetry into their patterns, and later they began to manufacture sticks of glass (or canes, as they were called) especially for insertion into paperweights.

"The actual process of manufacture was somewhat as follows: First of all a number of colored rods of various sizes and sectional shapes were tied together and heated until they fused into a single thick rod. This rod was then, while still sufficiently hot to be worked, drawn out into a thin cane by two men walking rapidly away from each other. The cane thus produced would have a reduced sectional pattern of the original thick rod throughout its length and it would then be cut into convenient lengths and put on one side. When a sufficient number of different canes had been made by this process, these in their turn would be fused together into the pattern desired for the finished paperweights. And finally the whole arrangement would be plunged into a bubble of molten glass of approximately the same temperature as itself, and allowed to cool. And after being polished it was ready for sale.

"The fourth and last question is by far the most difficult one to answer, namely how to distinguish the genuine article from the imitation. This distinction is quite clear really, but it is easier to show this from examples than to describe the points of difference in words. The genuine ones are brilliantly colored and the finest ones are always beautifully symmetrical in design and show an attention to detail which is lacking in the modern imitation, which are crudely and rather carelessly made. One of the best tests is to examine the length of the canes. If they are long, and particularly if they finish off in a pattern at the base, one can be fairly certain that the paperweight is a genuine old one. But if they are very short and used very sparingly, this usually points to the fact that the weight is modern and the manufacturer is trying to get the greatest number of paperweights out of his canes.

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Collectors and other admirers of paperweights should be very much upon their guard until they have studied a sufficient number of undoubtedly genuine ones not to run the risk of being deceived. Naturally, some of the very worst of the old ones are very hard to tell from the very best of the modern ones, but no one should want to collect the worst of anything, so this should not present much of a problem.

"That is all I am going to say, because I have been forbidden to speak for more than three minutes and I feel as though I had been speaking for at least four.

"Just one final word. The real origin of the whole idea seems to have been the Venetian glass ball which, like the earliest English and French paperweight, was simply a means of using up pieces of broken colored glass. I have one here. The story told of these Venetian glass balls is that they were made to be held in the palm of a lady's hand to keep it cool when she was expecting an agreeable suitor. And it had the additional function that if the wrong man appeared by mistake, she could give tactful expression to her maidenly disappointment by throwing it at his head.—V. H. (May 18, 1937)."

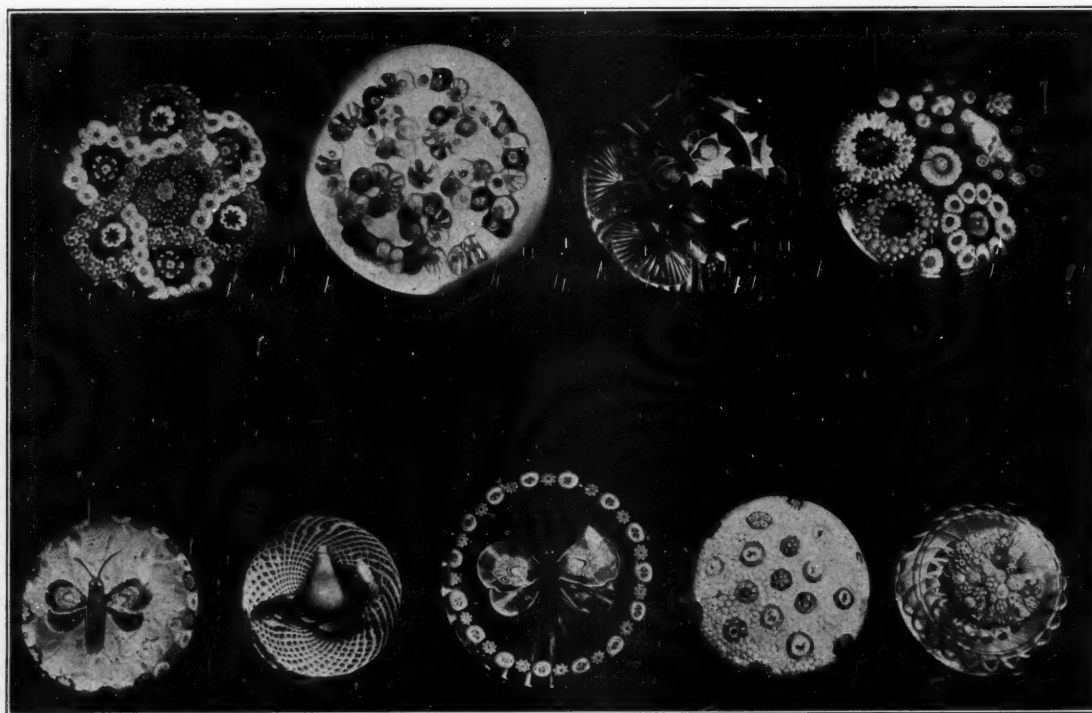
China Students' Club Bennington-Parian Meeting

The object of the China Students' Club is apparently being realized—

each member to interest herself in study and research of ceramics. At a recent meeting, Mrs. Austin H. Fittz, club secretary, shared her knowledge and appreciation of Bennington-Parian ware, with her listeners. Visits to Bennington to acquire all information possible about the pottery and the collections of La-Fontane and Clark, reading and re-reading of Spargo, Green and many specialized articles has provided Mrs. Fittz with much valuable information.

Captain John Norton founded the pottery at Bennington in 1793, perhaps primarily with the intention of providing containers for the produce of his very prosperous distillery. Durable and necessary household pieces were produced in the brown mottled ware known from the output of the Rockingham pottery in England. Norton successfully developed the business as his son did after him. A grandson, Julius with a son-in-law, Christopher Weber Fenton, branched out into the fabrication of Parian ware in imitation of the English. They too were successful with Julius finally taking charge of the pottery and Fenton the porcelain. The works continued active until 1894 with some member of the Norton family always interested. The manner of handling glaze was so satisfactory it was patented. A piece in biscuit was held over a tub of glaze and spattered

with the latter at the top letting the liquid run down giving an irregular effect. Color sometimes was added by spots of dry blue, yellow, red or green powder being touched onto the glaze before firing. No two pieces are alike. Modeling was good, Kaolin found at Bennington showed little black specks after firing that never were eradicated, so a supply was secured in England. In the Parian pieces color was introduced by putting on the biscuit and allowing to dry slightly before the white design was laid on. The two fired together kept true and adhered perfectly. If such a piece is chipped, the blue, or sometimes pink or green, may be seen all through. Another method to use color was to brush it on where desired. This, too, is easily seen. Parian ware is rarely glazed and then with a light effect except when intended to hold liquids. Stippling is sharp, but may have been smoothed by handling. A variety of examples of Bennington type ware was exhibited by club members. The well known Bible books, foot warmer, pitchers, ink wells and such pieces in brown mottled ware were included in the display. The books varied in size and were readily attributed to Bennington when the title gave proof of some connection with the pottery. Spargo does not wish to credit any piece to this factory which is not marked, but Green allows the use of



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the name when the characteristics are evidence. Spargo says ninety-five percent of unmarked and so-called Bennington Parian is wrongly named. The Parian group displayed at the meeting was large ranging from statuettes through a long line of pitchers and boxes even to jewelry. A most exquisite cross and a bunch of moss roses in the shape of brooches seemed too fragile to have ever been used. A fine large pitcher bore the mark N.&F. and had a varied flower design. A pond lily marked, and a bird's nest unmarked with a descending line to one of doll's size provided many angles for study of texture, shade and design. Some were truly white with others of a creamy or greyish tint. There were statuettes from Ruth of medium size and nicely poised to busts of Byron and lovely ladies. Jenny Lind, a two-sided statuette, one side in peasant dress and the other in bouffant skirt as seen by her devoted American public was grouped with a tiny little piece, a few inches high. Boxes in all white and blue and white had the beloved baby or flower and fruit patterns. These brought out the story that a potter from the Copeland works in England joined the Bennington factory to assist in making Parian ware and made for his first piece, a small grey white basket in which reposed a nude baby among flowers and fruit. This was an offering on the occasion

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old ware are invited to join in
the discussion
In a future issue of
the Glass Department.

of the birth of an heir in the Norton family. One brown mottled pitcher bore the mark of East Bennington which told the story of the removal of the works, some time during its existence to the east end of the town. Mrs. Fittz had no examples of Tobies but reported that six types were potted including the Monk, Greedy, Coachman, Benjamin Franklin and General Wellington, all in crude red ware. She also said that a long and careful examination of a pair of genuine Bennington lions in the La-Fontane collection showed them to have sturdy limbs, rough and choppy cold slaw manes with tongues out. No Bennington cow was exhibited. Mrs. Fittz said a true one should have eyes in detail, and showed a reproduction to prove her statement.

Antiques of the Future

Chicago's recent International Linen Exposition sponsored by the Chicago Linen Association showed many historical designs decorating new linen.

Correction

In the December issue, "THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES", our glass feature, possessed two errors which we hasten to correct. In the last line of the first column the word should be "ascription." And in the fifteenth line of the second column, the sentence should start: "Without the loss of time" etc.

Dealer Notes

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PERMIT me to begin the year by saying that I am most grateful for the letters of all who have written me. Also, to know that this page is being so widely read and discussed. I am sorry, however, that time does not allow for my making individual replies concerning historical attributions, and the manufacture of glass. Your desires are carefully noted, however, and will, in part, be used to guide me in the character of the material presented here. Please be assured that I am at all times interested in what interests you.

Oxide of lead is one of the ingredients found in all fine transparent glass, commonly called "Crystal." The lead imparts to it this clarity, and also provides it with the thrilling resonance to be found in this type of metal. "Rock Crystal," as it is known to the trade, is glass of the same character, the distinction being that it has been cut and highly polished. This does not, therefore, signify that the article referred to as "Rock Crystal," is of the natural quartz, and produced from the mineral just as it is found in nature. If this were true, the price would not be within the reach of any but those possessed of considerable means. The Bohemian glass workers first named their beautiful transparent glass, "Crystal," in honor of the rock crystal or natural quartz which it resembled. The application of the term, "Rock Crystal," as a designation for glass of the type referred to, is of recent practice.

HISTORICAL THUMBSKETCH:

This month I am presenting two patterns of pressed ware. The first, the so-called "Peacock Feather" pattern, was originally termed the "Georgia" line. It was designed just subsequent to the middle Nineties at the old Bryce Brothers' factory in Pittsburgh, Pa., and made by the United States Glass Co. It was principally produced in crystal, with occasional pieces made in color, and may be found plain and decorated. A table

service of more than forty items is available. The second pattern, and one that has not been given an appropriate appellation, is illustrated in the form of a tankard creamer with cover. This line was originally called the "Wyoming" pattern, and though it followed the Georgia after a slight interval, it was, nevertheless, contemporary in popularity. The design was created at Gas City, Indiana, and the ware made there by the United States Glass Company. A similar number of pieces may be obtained for the formation of a table service.

Several years ago the writer first explained technicalities concerning the production of "Amberina Art Glass." This ornamental ware was made by the New England Glass Company, at East Cambridge, Mass., and its production dates from early in the Spring of 1883. Joseph Locke, of Somerville, Mass., technician for the company, was the one man responsible for its origination, and Edward D. Libbey, proprietor of the works, coined the word "Amberina" as a suitable trade-name for the type. The glass was made from a gold-ruby compound, which consisted of an amber-glass mixture possessed of the oxide of gold. This combination had long been utilized in the production of ruby glass PRIOR to the birth of "Amberina," and the process involved in its manufacture consisted of merely reheating the entire article in its amber state to obtain the desired ruby color. One point is important, however, in connection with the departure made by Mr. Locke. Whenever a portion of the article escaped the temperature required for the change to ruby it naturally remained in the original amber state, and since this unequal color was considered a defect in the production of ruby glass, the article was placed in discard. Thus did it remain for Mr. Locke to hit upon the idea of reheating only a portion of the article, confining the change to a given area of its surface, thereby

making a product composed of two distinct colors, one shading into the other. The conception brought forth an entirely new type of ornamental glass. Mr. Libbey was quick to grasp the possibilities of the discovery, and the ware was immediately placed upon the market by the Cambridge firm. In differentiating Amberina from types possessed of seemingly similar characteristics, one must bear in mind the following important points. Amberina is of homogeneous stock, with the colors permeating the entire fabric of the glass. A noticeable purplish tinge is always present in the strongest portions of the ruby color. The ware was beset with imitators, however, and since other concerns sought to capitalize upon its popularity, it may be well to explain the character of its most important competitors. The activity of Frederick Stacey Shirley, of the Mount Washington Glass Co., New Bedford, Mass., may be briefly considered. After an attempt to produce a similar product, Mr. Shirley was permanently enjoined by the court for making glass possessed of the characteristics of Amberina. Therefore he devised what the firm called their "Rose-Amber" glass. This constituted glass of the plated type, sometimes with a non-sensitive rose color placed between layers of amber glass, and sometimes with a lamina or thin coating applied to the interior surface, and this was continued far enough from the edge of the article to produce the intended deception. The rose hue, however, never approached in any manner the tonal gradation obtained from the sensitive gold-ruby compound used in the production of the genuine Amberina. The firm of Hobbs, Brockunier & Co., of Wheeling, W. Va., also produced a parti-colored ware under the color designation of "Rubina-Verde." This was an attempt to compete with, yet not copy, Amberina, and since the glass is occasionally mistaken for the latter product, it must necessarily be included in this discussion. The West Virginia company followed the construction principal used by Mr. Shirley. They employed a greenish canary-colored glass, to which was applied an inner lamina, a layer of reddish-ruby color. This served to incorporate a tonal gradation quite apart from the others, yet it was, nevertheless conceived in a similar manner, and made on a competitive basis. So it may be seen how closely these several glasses were allied to each other with regard to their commercial aspects. All were attempting the same end, but the Amberina met with the greatest approval from the public.

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BARBER BOTTLES—Will buy or ex-
change. Need hobnall glassware.—George
Mehl, 3909 3rd Ave., So., Minneapolis,
Minn. 76402

HEAVY Panel Grape Glass, old dolls,
old mechanical banks.—Ox-Bow Antiques,
Nashua, New Hampshire. f6081

BELLFLOWER sugar lids. Any pieces
of Three Face, Colored Thousand Eye,
Westward Ho, if reasonable.—1020 Lin-
coln, St. Paul, Minn. ja1

WANTED—Old plates, Horn of Plenty
pattern. Quote price.—Alice D. Ogilvie,
302 Maple St., Springfield, Mass. f2

WANTED TO BUY—Desirable items in
listed patterns. Send quotations and lists.
—Stony Brook Antique Shop, R.F.D. 7,
York, Pa. ap12264

GLASS CUP PLATES WANTED, clear
or colored. Send description.—Mrs. George
W. Whiclow, 179 Newbury St., Boston,
Mass. ap12373

WANTED—ALL PATTERNS in Pressed
Glass and especially Westward Ho, Polar
Bear, Lion, Three Face, Bellflower, Horn,
of Plenty Tulip, Ivy, Ribbed Grape,
Hamilton, Ribbon, Star & Dew Drop,
Thousand-Eye, Wildflower, Maple Leaf,
Dahlia, etc. Also Spatterware, Dolls,
Banks and Flasks. See our advertise-
ments in Print and Antiques sections—
House of Antiques, 28 Chandler, Detroit,
Mich. ja123111

BOTTLES—Blown bottles, bitters bot-
tles and historical flasks. Give full de-
scription and price.—Edgar F. Hoffman,
Colinwood Rd., Maplewood, N. J. ap6252

WANTED—Pressed glass in Westward
Ho, Polar Bear, Three Face, Lion, Coin,
Wildflower, Thousand Eye, Purple Slag,
Grape and many other patterns. Also
colored Sandwich. Blown glass, Flasks,
Bottles, Cup Plates, Paperweights, etc.—
J. E. Nevil, Madisonville, Cincinnati,
Ohio. my12318

HORN OF PLENTY—Best Cash Prices
paid for desirable items in Horn of Plenty
pattern glass, also Bull's Eye with
Diamond Point.—Box 49, c/o HOBBIES,
mh12646

WANTED. Old glass molds and hard-
ware forging dies, must be reasonable.
Apply—Thos. R. Amrhein, 400 Stanford
Ave., West View, Pittsburgh, Pa. ap12264

BOTTLES—Early American flasks and bottles. Blue violin flask. Colored calabash bottles, any subject. Ohio ribbed or swirled bottles. Bitters bottles. Documents, pictures and bills from old glass factories.—C. B. Gardner, Box 27, New London, Conn. jly12918

PINK LUSTER AND MAJOLICA Cups and Saucers, fine bottles, amethyst goblets. Mary Moulton, 6227 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill. ja12593

WANTED: Glass factory account books, catalogs, advertisements, letters, tokens. Private currency, molds, bottles, flasks, blown glass.—H. H. White, 46 W. Kirby, Detroit. f12384

PANELLED THISTLE—Goblets or tumblers in clear glass. Write Mrs. S. T. Lambeth, Box 1102, Greensboro, N. C. f209

WANTED—Dark amber 1000 Eye 10" plates. Frosted Lion syrup pitcher, choice pieces cranberry hobnail, dark amber 1000 Eye goblets, blue 1000 Eye 2½" mugs.—Mrs. Hiram Paul, 836 East Drive, Oklahoma City, Okla. ja157

WANTED—Cameo Glass, pieces signed Webb, Stevens & Williams or Woodward. Send photograph if possible, color, dimensions, shape.—Grace Allen, 151 Central Park West, New York City. mh12646

LION GLASS—Private collector wants Bread plates, Syrup Pitcher, Milk Pitcher, miniature set. Perfect pieces only. Describe fully and price.—Winifred Siegrist, 2007 Military Street, Port Huron, Mich. ja148

STAFFORDSHIRE—Wanted W. Adams stone china, "Fairly Villa" and "Kyber" patterns only. State price and condition. Address—Cora Cheney, Allgood, Alabama. ja136

WANTED: Large Satin glass vases; old Silver Salts and Peppers; large Victorian glass basket; C. & I. or Haskell bust or three quarter pictures of women named.—E. T. Hendrick, 1030 Main St., Worcester, Mass. mh6583

CLEAR arched leaf plates and goblets; Ruby and Thumbprint glass; marked American pewter; old pewter candlesticks.—Lillian B. Cogan, 98 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J. ja1

WANTED—Hand pattern goblets.—Mrs. Crumly, 4838 Grand Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. ja103

WANTED—Moon & Star clarets, Curtain plates, mugs, tumblers, butter. Blue Rock of Ages plate.—W. L. Emmons, Jacksonville, Illinois. o12

CANADIAN or Cape Cod 8" plates.—E. M. Cole, Three Twelve West Seventh, Topeka, Kansas. my6081

DAHLIA, Deer and Pine Tree, Stork, Currier heads and figures of women, named.—Lillian Franklin, Westminster, Maryland. je6402

WANTED—New England Pineapple glass; covers 4½" no flange; stoppers.—Ernest Hale, Larch Road, Waban, Mass. s12633

WANTED—Fine early dolls and doll heads, Historical China, Cup plates, rare flasks, fine Paperweights, Sandwich glass, colored Blown glass, Pressed glass in all popular patterns.—J. E. Nevil, Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio. d12276

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE—Novelty China salt and pepper shakers. Describe color, height and price in first letter.—Leona Kruse, 618 6 Ave., De Witt, Iowa. my6003

CLEAR DAISY AND BUTTON with amber panel in glasses and goblets.—Myrtle L. Albert, 372 Cerro Gordo Hotel, Mason City, Iowa. ja124

HOBNAIL GOBLETS wanted. All colors. Give price and description.—Box B. S., c/o Hobbies. je6022

WANT Sandwich ducks, large fish platter, Lee 174, melon dishes and swan, Lee 181.—Box 157, Cathlamet, Washington. ja145

WINDFLOWER PATTERN GLASS. Also Bull's Eye, Moss Rose china set colored or best gold edge; large colorful soup tureen; spiral satin glass; cameo or thread glass; unusual music box. Best condition.—Helen Ayer, Main Street, Kingston, Mass. my6444

WANTED—Vases and Figurines in Dresden, Sevres, Worcester, Derby, Chelsea, Wedgwood, etc. Give description, condition and price.—Joseph Stolper, 94 Canal Street, New York City. my6003

DOUBLE RING WINES, champagnes, 6 in. A.B.C. Plates, frosted figure only.—Old Center Shop, Framingham Center, Mass. f6672

SMALL unusual shaped bottles; glass and china bells; glass plates; china and bisque figures with heads that nod.—Antique Parlors (Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Spafford), 33 Temple Street, Rutland, Vermont. ap6273

WANTED—Antique Paperweights of fine workmanship, fruit and flower designs. Describe fully.—Box S. C., c/o Hobbies. ap6861

WANTED—Satin Glass, Wheeling Peachblow, Colored Hobnail, Rampant Frosted Lion, Cabbage Leaf, Three Face, Single Frosted Ribbon, Coin, Plate & Panel, Shell & Tassel, Deer & Pine. Fine pieces of Cut Glass, Cloisonne Plates, Trays, Vases, etc., Any colorful and decorative pieces. Perfect pieces only. Sketch describe fully, and price. Quick cash by airmail if reasonable.—C. W. Terry, Box 2504, Tulsa, Okla. ap6876

FOR SALE

OUTSTANDING is our collection of glassware, Luster Pitchers, Goblets, Wines, Tumblers, Salts, Lamps, Trinket Boxes, Staffordshire Dogs & Ornaments, Majolica, Bennington, Milk Glass, Vases, C.&I. Prints, Hats, Slippers, Hens, Cats, Dogs, Cup Plates.—Washburn's Antiques, Doe and Minnie, Waldron, Indiana. ap120741

RARE ANTIQUES—Large stock pattern glass, cup plates, paperweights, blown glass, flasks, Historical China, early Dolls, Currier Prints, Silver, Pewter, Chintz, Luster, Pottery, Early Lighting, Carved Powder Horns, Guns, Mechanical Banks. Hundreds of early American items, priced catalog over 1000 items 25c, invaluable reference to dealers and collectors.—J. E. Nevil, Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio. d120981

GENUINE old Westward Ho sauces, goblets; Pinafore Celery; pr. Moon & Star Champagnes; Ashburton; Magnet Grape, others.—A. Plummer, Intersection Routes 4 and 37, Toms River, N. J. ja1061

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LEVELAND FARM ANTIQUE SHOP, Amosland Road, Morton, Penna. (11 miles from Phila.) 1000's and 1000's of Pieces Glass, China, Staff., Luster. mh12005

FOR SALE: Glass, China, furniture, unusuals, reasonable.—Old Homestead Glass Shop, 99 S. Pendleton St., Cortland, N. Y. je6063

GLASS AND LUSTER a specialty.—Palette Antique Shop, 2 E. 2nd St., Media, Pa. ap12094

SALT DISHES.—A book illustrating 1,360 different salts numbered and described from my collection. Price \$2.50 Postpaid.—C. W. Brown, 13 Park Road, Ashland, Massachusetts. f12578

WRITE for price list, pattern glass. Godshall, Green Lane, Pa. o12053

THE MICHIGAN SHOP, (J. Stanley Brothers, Jr.), 718 West Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich. Fine American Glass. Please state wants. n12063

COMPOTES: Bellflower, \$7.00; Ivy \$6.00; both low—open. Goblets: 10 Westward Ho, \$12.00 each; 6 Rose-in-Snow, \$4.00 each; 6 Red Block, \$3.00 each. Celeries: 2 Lion, \$7.00 each; Diamond Point, \$6.00; Diamond Point Quart Milk Pitcher, \$10.00; Diamond Thumbprint Creamer, \$9.00; Sandwich-cup plates.—Box R. G. M., c/o Hobbies. mh6063

GLASS, Dolls, Prints, Guns, Cartridges. Lists free.—Frank Wheeler, Osborne, Kansas. au12583

CLEAR AND COLORED GLASS—Miniature child's sets, Majolica.—Cobweb Shop, West Chester, Pa. f12091

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LUSTRE—canary, blue and silver resist, rose pink, and fine pieces of copper lustre. Old pottery and porcelain, photographs sent with quotations.—Wilson Bros., 17 Old Barrack Yard, Knightsbridge, London, England. s120501

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1000 PIECES Early American Pressed Glass—Lion, Hobnail, Westward Ho. Over 100 Goblets. Write your wants.—J. R. Cruzan, 360 11th St., Marion, Iowa. ja1521

FOR SALE—One, each—Amethyst and green bitters bottle; amberina water pitcher, also two tumblers; amberina finger bowl; two lime green cane goblets; two ruby cordials; Wedgwood basket.—Mrs. John Krieger, Salamanca, N. Y. ap6006

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CHINA and furniture also many patterns of Early American pressed glass of interest to those starting or completing sets and collections. Goblets, tumblers, plates, cordials.—Laura Wittmer, 116 West Horter St., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. ap6007

PATTERN and colored glass. Lists. Stamp please.—Mildred Fisher, 237 Amherst Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. au6008

MILK GLASS two compartment dish, elaborate design underside, 11 in. long, 4 in. wide, \$8.00. Pattern Glass. Let me know your wants.—Box 152, Batesburg, S. Carolina. ja1001

DEALERS, COLLECTORS—Send one dollar for '39 directory of dealers in Illinois, Missouri and Indiana.—Dena Daniel, McLeansboro, Ill. ja1001

CREAMERS—Inverted Thumbprint, light also deep blue, green, amberina, cranberry. Green Wildflower plate, Bellflower 5" barrel wine, quart decanter patent stopper. Dahlia double egg cups. Lion plates. Blue 1000 Eye water pitcher, three knob base; covered butter; oval tray; pr. compotes. Milk White Fan and Circle plates, sauces, large fruit bowl, spooner, creamer, platter. Eagle-tree salt. Ribbed Forget-Me-Not covered butter, sugar. Opaque Blue 10" lattice plate. Frosted Hobnail amber syrup.—Madelon Tomlinson, Hoosick, N. Y. o125382

TWO GUARANTEED old Westward Ho goblets, \$17.50 each; 9" open compote, \$15.00; two Horseshoe 7" plates, \$5.00 each; pair of Three Face 6" open compotes \$13.00; Spooner \$4.50; 8¼" open compote, \$12.50; pair of Rose-in-Snow 6" open compotes, \$10.00; one 7¼" plate, \$7.00; one 10" plate, \$3.50; apple green Wildflower water pitcher, \$10.50; opalescent Hobnail covered sugar, \$8.50; Yellow opalescent Hobnail covered butter, \$15.00; blue opalescent (Three Feet) open sugar, \$7.50; 10" open compote, frosted Hand standard, Tree of Life bowl, \$12.50; Lion celery, \$6.50; American Frosted Coin 8¼" compote, \$15.00. No list. Write wants.—Kaye Freeman's Antique Shop, 996 East Green Street, Pasadena, Calif. ja1594

COPPER Lustre Bowl, \$25.00; Crystal Wedding Creamer and Sugar, \$6.50; Buttons, 100, \$3.00.—Margaret H. Knight, 427 No. West St., Wheaton, Ill. ja1011

MECHANICAL BANKS: Speaking Dog, \$5; Ducky, Cabin Door, \$6.50; Stump Speaker, \$8; Teddy & Bear, \$3; Spise Mule, (throws ducky) \$8; Cat & Mouse, \$12.—1020 Lincoln St., St. Paul, Minn. ja1

PLATES— $3\frac{1}{4}$ " Star & Dewdrop, \$4.50; $10\frac{1}{4}$ " Fine Cut, \$3.50; 9" Snakeskin & Dot, \$4.00; $9\frac{1}{4}$ " Teasel, \$3.00; 8" Sunburst, \$3.00; Star & Feather, \$3.50; 6" Amber Barberry, \$4.00; 6" Green Fine Cut & Panel, \$2.00; $4\frac{1}{4}$ " Toddler Plate Amber Cane, \$2.00, Blue \$2.50, Green \$3.00.—Mrs. George L. Beare, 210 East Adams Street, Sandusky, Ohio. ja1082

RED BLOCK covered sugar, \$1.75; Opalescent Inverted Thumbprint syrup, crimped-on handle, \$2.00; Frosted Child Center 9" plate, \$2.50; emerald green Currier & Ives cordial, \$1.00; amber Daisy & Button mug, \$1.25; Star Rosetted covered compote, \$3.75.—Schoenfeld's Antiques Shop, 245 Main Street, Saugerties, N. Y. 16068

PINK LUSTRE Tea Set, rural scene, nineteen pieces. Large copper Lustre pitcher, pink house design decoration.—Paddock's Antique Shop, East Greenbush, New York. my6064

FOR SALE—Rare Blue Willow Oak Glass table service for 8, including 3 seven inch plates, 8 goblets, pr. celerics, etc. 33 pieces altogether.—Lillian Blankley Cogan, 98 Avenue C, Bayonne, N. J. ja1551

OLD PATTERN GLASS: Bellflower Cordial, Tulip, Lion, Hobnail, Satin Vases; Hobnail Barber Bottles.—Mrs. Smith, Highland Ave., North Wales, Pa. 093

COBALT blue, diamond quilted, Stiegel type covered sugar bowl, perfect, absolutely authentic, \$275.00.—C. B. Lee, 4522 North 19th St., Arlington, Virginia. ja1501

GOBLETs: 2 New England Pineapple, \$4 ea.; 2 Canary Wildflower, \$3.25 ea.; 1 Panelled Forgetmenot, \$1.75; 1 Panelled Fine Cut, \$1.50; 1 D. & B. Amber Thumbprint, \$2.75; 5 arched strawberry, \$1.50 ea.; 1 Marquise, \$1.00; amber 3 ball 1000 Eye cake stand, \$4; canary Wildflower pitcher, \$5; 6" Pleat & Panel plate, \$2.00; Hobnail pitcher, \$6; Praying Lion compote, \$7; Caramel pitcher, \$3. Plates: Basket Weave, \$2.25; round 101 bread plate, \$2.25; round scroll border with handles, \$2.50; feather plate, \$2.50.—Mrs. H. K. Knudsen, 1354 Caroline Ave., Clinton, Iowa. ja1524

BURMESE CRUET, amberina and amethyst; panelled Grape water pitcher; Dog and Duck milk glass platter; Goblets: Magnet and Grape, Frosted Leaf, Frosted Circle, Classic, Rose-in-Snow, Blue Oval Panel, Fishscale, Thumbprint, Honeycomb, Lustre, Beaker, Westward Ho saucers, Blue 1000 Eye lamp plates; Classic, Fishscale, Stippled Cherry, Blue Leaf, Shell and Tassel, Square Milk Glass SS, square 1000 Eye and Beaded grape, Moon and Star; covered sugar, pair of compotes, covered butter, celery.—Mrs. James J. Walsh, 411 W. Lexington Ave., Elkhart, Ind. ap60071

MILK WHITE glass blackberry goblets, red block, ruby thumbprint, mechanical banks, colored Daisy & Button, many other patterns.—Mykes, Burlington, Vermont. ja2002

WASHINGTON LOW COVERED COMPOTE, \$10.00. 3 piece Bellflower Double Vine set covered sugar, creamer, spoonholder, \$18.00. Vaseline Maple Leaf covered butter, covered sugar, creamer and spoonholder, set \$18.00. 6 dark blue Daisy and Button square saucers and 1 berry bowl to match, set \$16.00. 1 dark Amber Thousand Eye 6 inch plate, \$3.50. 6 Amber Wildflower tumblers, \$18.00.—Evelyn and Roseland Bottoms, 571 Glenbrook Road, Glenbrook (Stamford), Conn. ja1043

BLUE WILDFLOWER covered butter and sugar, spooner, creamer, water pitcher, Large Victorian pink quilted satin basket, blown milk glass, lamp, cranberry bowl, milk glass shape; old dolls; 3 bottle Bristol Toilet set in gold holder, Sublime Harmonie Music Box.—Mrs. Frank Bentz, 413 Franklin St., Elkhart, Ind. ja1532

FROSTED STORK PLATTER, \$6.00; Ruby Thumbprint, Red Block wines, \$3.00; Grape Medallion Water pitcher, \$3.50; Bellflower salts, \$5.00; Rosette plate, \$4.00; Fish scale plate, \$6.00; pair Bennington Tobies, \$15.00.—Colonial Gift Shop, 1141 Glendon, Westwood Village, Los Angeles, California. ja1091

YELLOW HOBNAIL BARBER BOTTL, \$11.00; 2 blue D. & B. egg cups, each \$3.50; clear Hobnail water tray, \$4.00; U. S. Coin spooner, quarters, \$7.50; Green Beaded Grape bowl, $6\frac{1}{2}\times 3\frac{1}{2}$ ", \$2.50. Wines: 2 Dahlia, each \$2.00; 1 Primrose, \$1.50, 1 Panelled Dewdrop, \$2.00; 1 Crystal, \$1.00; 1 Bohemian, $3\frac{1}{4}$ ", \$1.50. Postage extra.—Lillian Shull, 520 South Third Street, Rockford, Illinois. ja1532

AMETHYST PITCHER, tumblers, berry set, odd pieces, fine china. Reasonable.—2002 Main, Kans. City, Mo. mh6003

PAIR 10 in. Dolphin Shell compotes.—Leona Kasten, Nix Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. my6002

JANUARY SPECIALS! Panelled Cane handled ice bucket, \$4; Honeycomb, etched 5-bottle castor set, quadruple plate standard, \$4; $13\frac{1}{2}$ " inch cranberry hobnail glass lampshade, \$7; Staffordshire group watch holder, \$12; old Staffordshire plates, all colors, 75 cents to \$2.50 each; fine bisque figures; old jewelry; Currier & Ives: "To The Rescue," "He Is Saved," \$9 pair; N. Currier: "Reading The Scripture" (fine coloring), \$5; 6 clear Hobnail tumblers, wide marginal band, \$12; 1876 Continental clear glass bread tray, hand handles, \$5; 8" Panelled Thistle open compote, \$3; 2 small Panelled Thistle compotes, \$2 each. Many other wanted items.—Mrs. W. H. Miller, 1133 Ross Avenue, Abilene, Texas. ja1545

LION COV. COMPOTE; Cranberry Overlay rose bowl, barber bottles, 13 Stars cupplate, Sandwich bird salts, 4 canary, 4 amber, 2 clear, lot \$17.50. Rose sprig creamer, wine, 3 small saucers \$6.00. Rainbow Antique Shop, 502 East Ewing Ave., South Bend, Indiana. ap6008

PAIR DAISY & BUTTON toilet bottles also pair of Bull's Eye ones and others. Egyptian creamer and open sugar. Swan compote and 6 sauce dishes. Sandwich Daisy 4 piece set also berry bowls, sauce dishes and plates. English Hobnail & Thumbprint berry bowls and sauce dishes. Also pattern glass of all kinds, including many odd goblets and wines. Sewing birds also sewing butterfly, 9 Godey fashion plates, 1836, including Queen Victoria. Whaling Log books. Whaling implements, compasses, quadrants, sextants, etc. Fine Scrimshaw Work. Museum shops.—W. W. Bennett, The Colonial Shop, New Bedford, Mass., and Twin Gateway, Buzzards Bay, Mass. oi20103

WESTWARD HO, Lion, Polar Bear, Satin Glass, Many rare items. Lists free.—Carolyn I. Shaeffer, 818 S. Duke St., York, Pennsylvania. my6

LACY SANDWICH: 4 Diamond Point $4\frac{1}{4}$ " saucers, \$6.50; 2 Peacock Feather $4\frac{1}{4}$ " saucers, \$3.50; 2 miniature bowls, \$4.50. Satin Glass: 5" blue quilted vase, \$3.00; 4 rose bowls, different colors, \$1.50 each. Fr. blue camphor glass barber bottles, marked, \$5.50. Rare blue Wistarberg wine, \$5.00. N. E. pineapple: covered sugar, \$6.00; 2 tumblers, \$5.00 each; small compote, \$4.50. Blue Daisy and Button: 1 goblet, \$2.50; tumbler, \$2.00; 2 5" saucers, \$2.00 each. 9 old marbles, different sizes and mica figures, lot only \$1.00. Insd. parcel post extra.—Gertrude B. Cushing, 126 Pleasant St., Fitchburg, Mass. ja1594

CORNWALLIS JUG, half gallon size; 30 pieces Wedgewood China, Bullfinch pattern.—J. S. Kisir, 621 N. Main St., Harrisonburg, Virginia. ja1001

FOR SALE: Glassware, china, antiques.—The Hobby Shop, Sheffield, Iowa. je6002

FROSTED DOLPHIN covered jam jar; covered compote frosted chicken knob. Goblets: 5 cathedral, 4 stippled grape and festoon. Pitchers: stippled cherry, Baltimore pear, Lily of Valley. $5\frac{1}{4}$ " blond boy doll, unusual doll cab.—Caroline H. Usher, 332 No. Ironwood Drive, South Bend, Ind. ja1022

MILK GLASS PLATES—\$ $8\frac{1}{4}$ " square SSS, 1 9", 4" SSS, 3 $7\frac{1}{4}$ " SSS, 2 triangle SSS, 8 heart shaped $8\frac{1}{2}$ " 2 6" heart shaped, 6 $8\frac{1}{4}$ " Gothic, 6 $7\frac{1}{4}$ " Gothic, 6 7" Forgetmenot, 6 fish shaped plates, 6 Lacy edge footed desserts, pair $8\frac{1}{4}$ " ruffled Lacy edge bowls, Fan and Circle $8\frac{1}{2}$ " bowl, blackberry creamers, etc. Choice pattern glass, clear and colored.—W. J. French, Lancaster Ave., Wayne, Pa. ja1335

PRIVATE COLLECTION: Ancient wooden chinese doll Manderin costume, head-dress. Old dolls: Mexican wax, Griener, Papier Maché, Parian, Bisque, China large and small, Lustre heads, Wooden Victorian buggy. Primitives: Martha, George, Albert. Bottle ink-wells. Brass candlesticks, twenty three inches. Panel grape teas.—Mrs. H. E. Thixton, Henderson, Kentucky. ja1542

CRANBERRY Inverted Thumbprint 6 tumblers, \$12; plate, cup and saucer, Fruit Center, colored border, \$5; Dewey water set, pitcher, 8 tumblers, \$12; 6 Caramel glass "Cactus" tumblers, \$9. Flasks: qt. "For Pike's Peak," \$5; pt. dark green Eagle "Pittsburgh, Pa." in oval, \$5; Civil War belt, brass eagle buckle, \$2.50; Historical Trivet, \$4; pr. etched Mercury Tiebacks, pewter stems, \$5; Fuschia 10" plate and creamer, \$6.50; 3 beautiful Valentines, \$1. Buttons representing 20 years of collecting, trial dozen 25 cents—proves we have fine buttons. Large brass Powder Flask, fine decoration, \$3.50.—Hellerman's 433 W. Main Mesa, Arizona. ja1094

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COLLECTION—Large variety old glass, salts, castors, vases, shakers, lamps, milk glass, china, etc. Attractive price list.—E. Skilton, Devon, Pa. mh6004

PATTERN GLASS in clear & colors, milk glass, majolica, dolls, etc. Weekly mailing lists.—Little Eagle Antique Shop, 88-90 Main, Sellersville, Pa. n12048

COLLECTION STIPPLED FORGETME-NOT. Twenty-two most outstanding pieces, all genuinely old. Collection \$85.—Box M.B.R., c/o Hobbies. ja1

BELLFLOWER: 8 Champagnes, straight side, \$12 ea. 10 Cordials, Barrel shape knob stem, \$9 ea. 2 Goblets, Barrel shape knob stem, \$4 ea. 10 Goblets, straight side, \$2.75 ea. Covered Sugar, \$9. Horn of Plenty: 4 Wines, 12 ea. Quart Decanter, Diamond Point Stopper, \$15. 5 Goblets, \$5 ea. 12 Diamond Point Champagnes, \$6.50 ea. 8 Blue Rose-in-Snow Goblets, \$6 ea. Pink Opalescent Hobnail bulbous Water Pitcher, \$30. Lion Egg Cup, \$11. 12 Pointed Hobnail Wines, \$1.75 ea. All pieces perfect. Choice items in desirable patterns always in stock.—Harriet Moecker, 1083 Western Ave., Albany, N. Y. ja1594

FOR SALE—Pair Victorian Flare Vases; Westward Ho covered 8 in. compote; sugar; butter; creamer; spooner, \$55. Cup Plate Constitution.—R. J. Campbell, 66 Chestnut Lane, New Rochelle, N. Y. ja1551

CARRIE BODINE, 476 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, New York. Amethyst Daisy and Button large canoe, \$8.00; 4 Canary Hobnail ice cream plates, \$3.00 each; Victoria covered sugar, \$7.00; Diamond Thumbprint bitters bottle; N. E. Pineapple quart decanter, original stopper, Thumbprint plate \$5.99, quart decanter, Sunburst stopper; 250 goblets. Pressed and Lacy glass; paperweights; Overlay; Wheeling; Peachblow; Lustre; Staffordshire and fine China. Send wants. No Lists. ja1

1 GREEN TWO PANEL SPOONER, \$3; 1 Fishscale sauce (flat), 75c; 1 Dew with Raindrop sherbet cup, \$1.75; 6 Delft Ware egg cups, \$1; 5 hand painted china butter chips (each floral design different, marked 1880), 75c; 1 Loop and Dart sugar bowl, each cover \$3.—Marguerita Hoyt, Rosendale, Wis. ja1091

PERSONAL

COLLECTOR of milk white glass desires to hear from others with same hobby. Object: Form small correspondence club.—Box 157, Cathlamet, Wash. ja1001

NUMISMATICS



NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

IF in "Times that try men's souls" you can keep your head on your shoulders and your feet on the ground, then you are a coin collector my son, a real coin collector. "Keep your mind off your troubles" is a passport through vicissitudes, and a coin collection is the best mind diversioner.

"A poor excuse is better than none." The director of the mint in his 1797 report lays the blame for the small number of half dollars being minted, 3,918, to the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia, claiming the mint was shut down on account of it. The rarity of the 1797 half dollar is therefore due to the plague rather than natural causes.

Win lasting fame by giving a name to one of hobby's hobbies. A few years ago Morris Freedman of Dorchester, Mass., read an article in *HOBBIES* about horse cars. It touched his curiosity bone and he started a search for more information. The more he learned the more he wanted to learn. He is now one of the few authorities on horse car data, and has one of the largest collections of horse car tokens, transfers, tickets, literature, and like, etcetera. He says there are not enough tokens for a seat in numismatics, not enough transfers to be called philatelists, not enough of any of the other etceteras to link himself to any other isms or ists, so he is seeking a name for his hobby to distinguish its identity. He himself suggests Horse-carana. I offer horse-carology. What name do you suggest for Mr. Freedman's horse car hobby?

A comparison of the New Deal of the 1930's and the Old Deal of the 1880's. An Oregon paper of 1884 carries this item:

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is scarce. Nothing so disconcerts a sensitive man as to be obliged to fumble over a handful of gold trying to find a 10-cent or two-bit piece."

The Toledo Blade says: "Years ago Tom Marshall said what the country needed was a good five cent cigar. Now it needs 5 cents."

You have been quizzed about coins; now quiz yourself about paper money. How many times does the figure "1" and the word "one" appear on a dollar bill, exclusive of the serial number? You missed it a mile; count them. If you do not overlook the indistinct figure "1" in the center space to the left of Washington's head you will find 25. It takes a lot of ones to make a one.

Write to the Government Mint at Philadelphia and ask them to send you the pamphlet entitled, Information relating to United States Coins and Medals. You will be pleased—and benefitted—with it.

The metal tax tokens of Kansas were named Huxies for Governor Huxman, but the governor refused the compliment and said they should be called "Little Senators", as it was the state legislature, and not him, that was responsible for them.

One feather does not make a bird; nor does one scale make a fish. One collector does not represent a Coin club; each member with his own particular phase plays his part, but it requires all the roles to produce a numismatic drama. The smallest collector, like the drabdest feather and the minutest fin, plays an important part. The brilliantly plumed pea-fowl struts and struts, but is not the whole hen-yard; its fine feathers do not give us boiled eggs or fried drumsticks. And oft-times the biggest coin collector is a liability instead of an asset to a club, a strutter instead of a co-operator.

Don't worry about your bad judgment or bum swaps; laugh them off. A little back-set now and then is enjoyed by the shrewdest men. As Botsford said: "There is no royal road to a numismatic heaven. The pearly gates pinch the fingers of even the most learned. The savant makes mistakes and bad deals with the same joyful excitement that the novice makes his blunders."

Coinie says: "My income is my outgo; my outgo even more so than my income". The St. Louis Star-Times puts it "An income is an amount that no matter how much it is, you spend more than."

Towards the end of the Revolutionary war Continental notes were just so many picture cards, \$150. of them bought a bushel of corn and \$90. a pound of tea. A suit of clothes cost Samuel Adams \$2,000.

We delve into the ground and bore into rocks and find there the history of creation; we read money and reconstruct un-written history. An exchange says: "Historians estimate that more than 2,000 rulers and places of the ancient past are known to our civilization solely through coins which have outlasted the other works of the times. Like the archaeologist, the coin collector links us with long ago people and nations. It is mainly through images on coins that we know what Alexander the Great, the Ptolemies of Egypt, Sappho, and Cicero looked like."

Numismatics hitched its wagon to a comet. An article says: "Science also turns to numismatics to verify its dates. The year that Halley's comet startled the Romans has been established through an ancient coin."

Money was born, it seems, to be counterfeited, and there is just nothing that can be done about it. According to Robert Pilgrim in the Family Circle, "America's first counterfeit money was food. The cacao (chocolate) bean was used in ancient Mexico as a medium of exchange. 'Counterfeiters' bored holes in the beans, extracted the contents, and refilled the hollow shells with earth—to make America's first counterfeit money."

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Owing to so many countries with their provinces and principalities that have come and gone since coins were invented, classifying old world mintage with its many and various types of coins is an endless job. Just suppose some one asked you to name this coin with its alphabet: BEDA. D.G.S.R.I.P.S.G.E.S.I.I.V.T.H.A.V.A. E. on it; could you tell right off the reel that it was a Swiss coin, 1767-1796? Yet we think we have trouble with our lettered mint marks, only one mark to a coin.

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And old mother Numis did not forget the children; amongst a few of the juvenile-remembered coins are the St. Nicholas, St. George Killing the Dragon, and the Hobby Horse.

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Why didn't Uncle Sam think of this, and of a lot of other Firsts? What wonderful memorials they would be to our creative geniuses. Bavaria, in 1835, issued a commemorative coin to its first railroad. The road was only four miles long.

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"A doctor declares that people with hobbies rarely go crazy. He doesn't mention what happens to people who have to live with people with hobbies." From Punch. I believe most women would prefer living with a sane man with a collection of old coins than with a "bug" with a head full of "squirrel food".

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Howard M. Myers, the genial and popular Secretary of the big Buffalo Numismatic Association, reports that the Club has added many new members the past year, and the Club is striding forward. Mr. Myers has two baskets, one for coins, the other for cigarette pictures, and both baskets are heaped up and running over. His cigarette picture gallery will soon be running neck-and-neck with that of Jeff Burdick, the premiere of that hobby.

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MONEY—THE DADDY OF ALL COLLECTIONS.

Totem poles, idols, the Crescent, the Cross, are symbols of civilization's religious creations: obelisks,

pyramids, Sphinx, Washington's shaft, Lincoln's memorial, are monuments to civilization's geniuses. But money is not a symbol, nor is it a monument; not a creature of—but the creator of—civilization. Civilization is a monument to money, for of money it was born. Money was not discovered, not invented, nor was it created; it was born. Side by side, hand in hand, with man, money has evolved through the ages, money the progenitor of, man the utilizer of, civilization.

Some 20,000 years ago two rugged individualists met: one with two animal skins but with no stone knife with which to scrape them, the other with two knives but with no skins to scrape; a maladjustment of industrial conditions. Sizing each other up, and each looming big to the other, "one afraid and the other dassert", they discarded the "might is right" law of the cave-man and substituted a new one, "discretion amongst neighbors—valor against enemies". They exchanged necessities, skin for knife—knife for skin, and thereby established the first system of barter and trade, with animal skins and scraper knives as mediums of exchange. Thus money was born, industrialism established, civilization started. The scope of this small beginning of barter and trade was gradually extended to include food-stuffs, war and chase weapons, ornaments. Rugged individualism of the cave man was changed to community collectiveness; the individuals clanned; settlements were formed; in time cities founded and communal industrialism established; all fore-runners of our present high-classed, high-powered civilization, all the result of the birth of money.

Take your numismatics seriously. Coin collecting is a hobby, selecting coins a study. A coin collector is a hobbyist, a numismatist a student. Stamps, glassware, antiques, are conveniences of civilization; money a necessity. Without conveniences we would be dis-commoded; without money (as it represents barter and trade), civilization would revert to barbarism.

There is no drab stone to a geologist, no ugly weed to a botanist, no insignificant start to an astronomer, and there is no unimportant or bad looking coin to a numismatist. When you look at the fish-hook money of the Eskimos, the grass mats of the South seas, bamboo money of the Chinese, spear coins of the Congo, stone money of the Yaps, wire money of Arabia, along with dozens of other like coinage, do not compare them unfavorably with our present artistic commemoratives, for the crudes of yesterday were the forefathers of today's perfections, the rugged pioneers, the hewers and doers, the very ones the gentleman had in mind when he said "God does not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars."

Always bear in mind, money is both the foundation stone and the keystone of civilization.

Money Talks

We see by the papers that Uncle Sam's silver hoard is being moved to West Point, and there stored. Our silver hoard is moved now and then too—all 10 cents worth, says the Bennington News.

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The state auditor says the shortage in sales tax tokens in Missouri is due to the fact that tourists carry them away as souvenirs. Now we know the reason for the fried chicken, cherry pie, corn-on-the-cob and T-bone steak shortage in this state, too. Dang them tourists!

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The Hopkins Journal can remember when it was not uncommon for folk to have "ready money."

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"The world needs a universal language," declares an editor. The world already has a universal language, mister, says the Aurora Advertiser. It's the one spoken when money talks.

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"They say a fool and his money are soon parted. Our guess is that they seldom get together in the first place," says Mack Cretcher in the Newton Journal.

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Paper for our national currency is 3 cents a pound cheaper than it used to be. So far, the Joplin News-Herald says, that hasn't made it any easier to get hold of.

—Kansas City, Mo., Star.

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In Scotland:—A penny earned is a penny urned.

In America:—A penny earned is a penny "burned".

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Mayor Charley Shimm of the Smithville Democratic-Herald says he doesn't care what size the government makes a dollar bill so long as it doesn't start making them smaller.

Domestic Coinage Executed, by Mints, During the Month of October, 1938

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars	\$ 251.50	.....	\$195,800.00	\$196,051.50	392,103
Quarter dollars	125.75	.....	.....	125.75	503
Dimes	50.30	\$270,000.00	.....	270,050.30	2,700,503
Total silver	\$ 427.55	\$270,000.00	\$195,800.00	\$466,227.55	3,093,109
MINOR					
Five-cent nickels	258,400.00	55,000.00	85,000.00	398,400.00	7,968,000
One-cent bronze	65,225.00	.....	26,500.00	91,725.00	9,172,500
Total minor	\$323,625.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$111,500.00	\$490,125.00	17,140,500
Total domestic coinage	\$324,052.55	\$325,000.00	\$307,000.00	\$956,352.55	20,233,609

Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments

At Philadelphia Mint					
Cuba	Silver	900 fine	1 Peso	.....	2,200,000 pieces

CHINESE COINS

In four parts

"Early Chinese Coins"

By CHINGWAH LEE

PART TWO

IN ancient China as elsewhere, bartering was eventually replaced by trade with a variety of commodities as money; jade and other precious stones; grain and bricks of salt; silk and other textiles; tortoise shells, pearl oyster shells, and cowries; cinabar and mercury; fish, pigs, and other live stock; gold, silver, bronze, tin, zinc, lead and other metals.

At the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay these early trade conditions will be simulated as nearly as possible in the Chinatown concession. Visitors, of course, will make their purchases with American currency, but among the natives, the use of the early Chinese monetary system will be encouraged.

This is all part of the authentic detail of an ancient Chinese walled

city, which will be reproduced in the \$1,200,000 Fair concession. Craftsmen and coolies, unaccustomed to the ways of the commercial world, will be brought from the deep interior of China to add to the atmosphere of the village. These natives will bring with them their age-old complexities of money exchange for the edification of millions of Fair visitors.

Metal objects, such as knives, swords, spades, chisels, and hoes were popular money because of their utility and compactness. (In China these were used alongside with gold and silver bullion, cast in the form of a boat, called sycee, and are still used to this day.) In the twelfth century B. C., bronze miniatures of tools and utensils were cast, each model perhaps intended to equal the value of the original which in all probability was of coarser metal.

Thus, whereas the West derived their coins from ingots or pellets of precious metals, the Chinese derived theirs from tools of bronze or brass. The high regard for bronze and the remarkable skill of the early Chinese in casting may have something to do with this. These utensil coins are known as pu or pi, meaning cloth or silk, because textiles were formerly used as money. Even in our time it has continued to be a form of money, especially for taxes and tribute. So

much silk was collected at the capital that when the Imperial storage of silk was ordered to be sold to the public in 1912 at a little below market price, the sale was still going on when the Japanese invaded Peiping in 1937! Many utensil coins of unusual shape are recorded, but four types deserve our special attention: the cowry coins, the gong coins, the axe or spade coins, and the sword coins.

Utensil Coins

The cowry-shaped coins are known as the "dragon eyes" or the "ant-head" coins. It is undoubtedly a metal medal of the cowry shell which were used extensively and perhaps exclusively during the Shang Dynasty. Recent excavations of Shang sites revealed many of these cowries, but apparently no other types of money. In all probability metal models of these shells led to the displacement of the originals. They may have been cast as early as the beginning of the Chou Dynasty, although as late as 611 B. C. Chuang Wang of the State of Ch'i issued two kinds of "bean-shaped coins" to replace the cowries within his kingdom. Some cowry coins have a wooden base attached to them, and a few are of lead. The flat, oval "devil's head" coin is probably a later form of cowry coin. Like the flat coins of India it may have been struck off a bar and is highly

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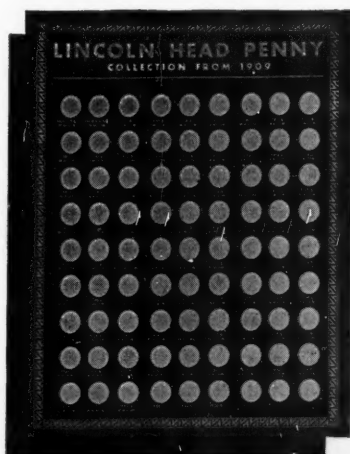
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No. 363—Morgan Quarter No. 2	1906-1916
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inscribed. The latter are found in Weihsiens of Shantung.

The gong or musical plate is known as the ch'in (or kings). They are not unlike the musical triangle of the West, and are struck with a wooden mallet. The originals are of pottery or jade, but possibly metal ch'ins are not unknown. They are often called bridge coins because of their shape. Some are curved while others are angular, and a few have ends which terminate with lion or dragon heads. Related to the gong coin is the bell coin, shaped like a cow bell. Because no weight mark is ever found on them Chinese numismatists have expressed doubt on this class of coins.

The Axe or Spade Coins

The axe coins are known as chin, but are often also referred to as spade or "shirt" coins because the shape is rather ambiguous. They probably had their beginning during the first half of the Chou Dynasty, although the ideographs on some of them are decidedly pre-Chou in style. The earlier miniatures have hollow handles, often with a tiny hole on one side, while the later ones were made from flat plates and had solid handles. They are found in states which once occupied the modern provinces of

Shantung, northern Kiangsu, northern Honan, Hopei, eastern Shensi, and Shansi.

Ax coins may provisionally be divided into five classes. The Angular Tip and Angular Type may be the oldest known. One gives both the place of origin and the value: "City of An, two axes." Others apparently give weight and value (provisional translation; the ideographs being very vague): "Carries exact and superior metal, worth a huan," "Carries half (the amount of) superior (metal), two metal worth a huan." One such coin is gilded and another has raised border.

Equally antique is another type with rounded handles and rounded tips. Only place names are discernable in this type: "Wan Shih" (of the State of Ch'u), "Lu Yang" (of the state of Lu), etc. One has holes on the handle and the two tips.

The class with hollow handles are without tips but have concave cutting edges. Inscriptions include: "City of Lu" (of the State of Ch'i), "Ax money of the State of Ch'i." One has the character "Lu" on the obverse, another, the character "shang" (trade). The latter is the smallest of this class known, being only one and a half inches in length.

The fourth class have pointed tips and angular handle. One has "P'ing Chuan" (State of Ch'i) inscribed, and another has "Kan Tan" (probably also of the State of Ch'i) inscribed.

The so-called "shirt" money (huo pu, merchandise coins) are not a representation of shirts, as was generally supposed, but probably merely elongated form of the ax coins. The tips and handles of these coins are identical to the angular type, but there are now holes through the handles so that they may be strung together. The habit of stringing coins dates back to the time when cowries were so strung. One such "shirt" coin reads: shu pu tang shih hua (special pu; equal to ten in exchange).

Wang Mang the reformer (A. D. 9-23) produced shirt coins in ten sizes, ranging from one and one-fourth to two and one-fourth inches in length. They are fictitiously valued in hundred units, from one hundred to one thousand, by ten code words, as follows: tiny, small, young, next, subordinate, middle, mature, approximate, second best, largest. Needless to say, they are highly devaluated tokens.

Sword Coins

The tao or sword coins were produced in abundance toward the end of the Chou Dynasty (680-225 B. C.) in the Shantung Kiaochow Bay area and were used extensively in the South Sea trade. Certain bronze knives excavated from the Ordos Desert region were remarkably similar to these bronze swords. The handles of all of them terminate with a loop for stringing.

Four types of sword coins are recognizable. An early type, of various sizes and shapes, is characterized by fine metal content and sharp cutting edge or extreme thinness. They have a simple mark or code word which is beyond deciphering.

The second type is a large, well cast knife with pointed tip, produced chiefly by the State of Ch'i, but also Yen, Chao, and other states which formed strong trading alliances. One is marked "Precious coin of An Yang," another "State of Ch'i, Precious currency" while a third has "City of Chi Mo, Its Precious Currency" (the word "precious" is a tentative deciphering only). The reverse of nearly all of them has the inscription "three ten" (thirty) followed by a single word (star, sun, upward, peace, etc.) which may be a motto or a mint code. The "City of Chi Mo" coin has the phrase "Extend Frontier" on the reverse and is believed to be the earliest commemorative coin known.

The third type is a medium-sized knife with a blunt tip and is known as the Ming knife, being produced by the City of Ming at Chao, and most

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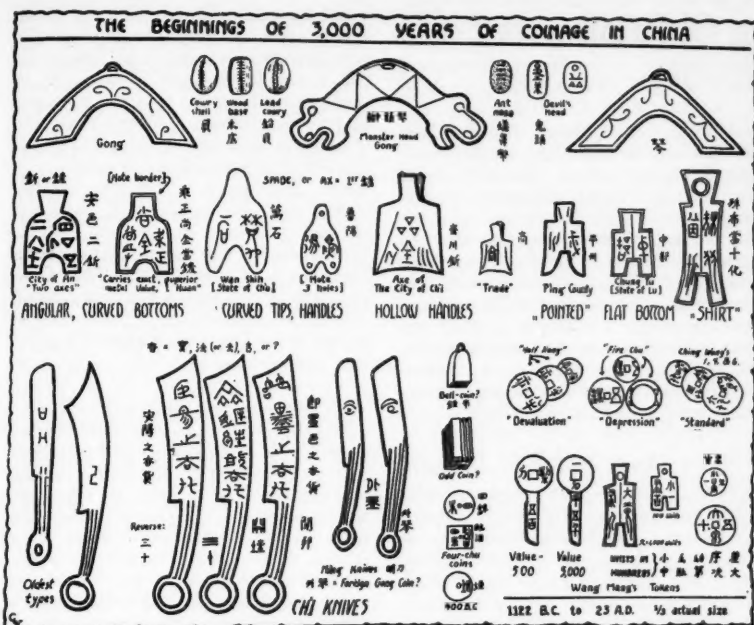
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of them have the character "Ming" inscribed on the obverse. The reverse generally contains a single character, such as left, right, outside, etc.

The fourth type is the graving knife of Wang Mang. It has sharp edges but a very short blade. The handles of these graving knives have degenerated into a circular disc with a small square hole in the center. From this, most writers believe they can trace the beginning of the cash coin (through the final elimination of the short blade). But, as we shall see later, circular coins were made before the appearance of the earliest known graving knives! Wang

Mang's knives are tokens. Of the same size, one is inscribed "Graving Knife, worth 500", while another has "Graving Knife, worth 5,000," the latter being inlaid in gold. Graving knives were also issued by Emperor Hsien Feng (1851-1852 A. D.) in his desperate effort to solve the financial crisis occasioned by the P'ai Ping rebellion.

Excellent examples of these various coins will be displayed in the large collection of early Chinese pieces in a multistoried pagoda, one of the architectural landmarks of Chinatown at the 1939 World's Fair of the West.

Included with this certificate formerly in the possession of Mr. Robert M. Dimitry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in whose family it had been kept since its original payment to one of his patriotic ancestors, are two other pieces of Continental currency. These formed a part of some thousands of dollars which, subsequent to the Revolutionary War, were voted by the American Congress to Gen. John Smith, of Virginia (for 15 years Representative in Congress from the Winchester District, in that State), as a reimbursement to Gen. Smith for an equivalent sum expended, by him, from his personal fortune, during the War, and as an officer in the Continental Army, in the support (clothing and feeding) of the Hessians, and other prisoners-of-war. Shortly after this payment the Continental currency was repudiated, and the above notes descended to Mr. Dimitry, of whom General Smith was the maternal great (2nd) grandfather.

Found with the above continental notes were several issues of Confederate money from Richmond. These were pasted flat in the album, with words written above them: "Veteran notes blurred and defaced in the cause of Southern self-immolation."

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Two Wars Told in Old Paper Money

By RICHARD X. EVANS

QUITE an interesting relic of the early period of the American Revolution is depicted, (in this scrapbook before me), in the shape of a certificate of five dollars, issued by the State of Georgia. It is printed on a square piece of paper, of very inferior quality, about three inches each side, and neatly bordered. It reads as follows: "\$5. Georgia, 1777. No 1. This certificate, for the support of the Continental troops and other expenses of the Government, entitles the Bearer to Five Dollars in Continental currency, according to the resolution of Assembly, June 8, 1777." The signatures are those of

Jos. Wood, R. Wylly, and E. Langworthy, countersigned by W. O. Bryan and N. Wade. On the right, at the bottom, is a rattlesnake, in the act of springing from his coil, above which are the words, "nemo me impune lacessit." On the back is a memorandum signifying that the purchaser had taken, or rather subscribed £ 100, equal then to \$485, for the common cause, receiving in lieu thereof these certificates, which were quite common as currency. This relic derives particular interest from the fact that, as its number indicates, it was the first issued under the Act of Assembly.

Recollections of an Old Collector

By THOMAS L. ELDER

New Gold World's Fair Lincoln Token

THE writer thinks he is first on the spot with a brand new gold token for the New York World's fair, a token of the diameter of the large U. S. gold dollar, bearing the bust of Abraham Lincoln. The dies for this the first token to be issued for the World's Fair in New York, were cut by the Medallic Art Company, who cut the dies for the first St. Gaudens Gold coins in 1906. This concern has produced some splendid works including Lincoln medals by the late Victor D. Brenner and other sculptors. The token is described as follows. Obverse: Bust of the martyred President to the left. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, the date, 1939, below, two stars above and two below, in legend space. Reverse, inside of an olive wreath A—TOKEN, in two lines. Around the border: NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR. Five stars added, one above the inscription and four below, in the legend line. The edge is plain. The weight in gold, one pennyweight, same as the U. S.

old dollar. The design for the bust of Lincoln is after the well known one by the late J. E. Roine, a member of the French Academy, a distinguished Belgian sculptor, who designed the Henry Hudson Pattern Daalder in silver in the year 1909 and other dollar-sized gold tokens, in that year. This token it is believed will be quite an addition to the Lincoln gallery of metal portraits, due to its excellent and artistic workmanship, which is said to compare favorably with any U. S. gold coin.

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Broken Bank Notes in Demand

NEW highs are being made at sales today for the old obsolete bank notes, or I should say the notes of obsolete banks. It might interest some coin collectors who never think of collecting paper money to know that some of these notes are bringing over their face value of \$1, \$2 and \$3, not particularly as notes which are possibly valid, but as interesting relics and examples of rare old-time bank notes. The workmanship in many cases is splendid and equals modern current notes. A study of the numerous old time bank note engravers is of interest.

G. H. Blake, a veteran collector, is an authority on this subject of bank-note authorship and manufacture, and has a fine collection himself, not only of the notes, but of proofs of many notes which have never been issued or signed, but are specimens or trial issues, afterwards rejected. A note of the Bank of Chicago, Ill., sold recently in the writer's sale for over \$3. Its face value was \$3. The bank note collectors may arrange their notes attractively in common scrap books, which are sold in stationery stores for very moderate cost, from 50c to \$1 and \$1.50 apiece, depending on the workmanship and number of pages. The collection when formed

could be put into your library bookshelf, same as any other book for convenient reference, and added to, the notes being lightly fastened by stamp hinges, or by slits in the pages of the scrap-book. A New York collector has designed a most ingenious method for holding these notes in a book. His name is Blanchard. His is the best arrangement I have yet noticed, neat and secure, and reflects to his credit for its neatness, compactness and ingenuity.—The Confederate issues, which are many, seem also to be looking up. Yet, today it seems remarkable that after 75 years one may secure a genuine \$500 note in fine shape with the head of Stonewall Jackson for not over \$1.50—The rare 1861 \$500, issued at Montgomery, Ala., is a different proposition and costs from \$60 to \$75 in the best state. Then there is the rare \$1,000 note of the same issue, the only \$1,000 Confederate note ever issued, worth about as much as the Montgomery \$500 note. Then on down to the pink 50c notes which sell for a dime. The series is most interesting and as a rule moderate prices prevail.

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Paper Money Doing Better at Auction Sales

THE recent Bluestone Sale showed excellent competition by half a dozen room bidders for the fine collection of Colonial and Continental notes in the sale. Some very good prices were realized for the scarcer types of these notes. They sold at from \$1.00 to about \$15. apiece. It is heartening to see this renewed interest in one of the most varied and attractive series in the whole field of American paper money. These notes when mounted in a blank book (and they do not require an enormous book either), with their original ink signatures affixed each note a hundred and fifty or more years ago, make a most interesting series. The commoner issues of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Rhode Island are easily obtainable for moderate prices at retail. Benjamin

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Dimes, Quarters, Half Dollars, Dollars Have Soared

A STUDY of most recent coin sales reveals that there has been quite an advance in prices of dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes and minor coins. The most significant advances have been registered in extremely fine early dollars and also in dollars of the 1860s, 1870s, 1880s, 1890s, and 1900s, when in proof state. Time was when a late date proof set sold for very little over its face value. That day is over. The old coin sales with a proof set with face value of \$1.91 selling for \$2 to \$2.25 is well over. The silver dollar alone today, if a proof, brings from \$3 up, three times its face value, while the half dollars in the 1860s some of them are bringing between \$3 and \$4 a coin. In quarter dollars, why the late dates between 1900 and 1925 are bringing

enormous prices in some cases, up to \$40 apiece for special rarities, particularly one with an overdate clearly indicated. It was but three years ago since the writer got an order from a collector at New Brunswick, N. J., to buy a quarter dollar in the '20s. He was forced to pay \$3.25 for it. The bidder on its receipt hurled it back to me with an ill-natured letter saying he wouldn't pay such an enormous price. If he is better posted today, he will know that that uncirculated coin at \$3.25 was at half its present price, and might not be so indignant, particularly as one other collector had bid as much. So times change and collectors tastes shift from one class of coins to another. As said before many keep their eyes on the other fellow and collect what the other collects. When are they going to turn their eyes onto the great and interesting field of ancient and foreign coins—I mean, when will more collectors turn to these interesting series of coins? Soon I hope. These classes deserve more attention from collectors.

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Bargain Hunting Proclivities

AN interesting bit of drama goes on behind the numismatic scenes as the cataloger proceeds to enter his bids for an auction sale. Portrayed to him are the very frank avowals of human nature, in the quest of rare coins and paper money. Not a little bit of human taste and character are shown in the surveying of bid sheets and in the entering of bids. There are dozens of different types of bidders. There is the stingy bidder who fills a bid sheet solid with under-the-market bids, in the apparent effort to catch the auction room and catalogers asleep at the switch, so that bargains may be gobbled up at from 25 to 40% under the present market. There is another type who does not keep up with the times, doesn't know that gold has been marked up, and keeps on bidding old 1929 prices on the same, such as \$5.25 for a gold 20 franc piece, \$25 for a \$20 gold piece, \$4 for a commemorative \$2½ dollar gold piece, and that sort. Someone should pinch him a bit to awaken him. He doesn't seem to read the papers even. There is another, a cent collector who is still trying to buy brilliant proof cents of 1858 for \$2.50 apiece, proof later dates for 50 cents and 1877's for a dollar apiece. What a headache these are to the one who enters the bids! There is the bidder who bids on only half a dozen lots or less, who makes fair bids on all he bids on, a very satisfactory bidder to work for. There is the man who gives unlimited bids. He is also a headache because nobody knows if he will be satisfied or not with the prices the lots bring and are billed to him. Of course the fair cataloger uses his judgment with unlimited bids and sometimes refuses to execute such a bid, unless he knows the character of the bidder and his responsibility. At the writer's September sale a collector filled a bid sheet both sides with bids of about ½ what any premium book offers for rare U.S. coins. That collector hadn't an imagination even. Others send cash deposits. As a rule those sending cash deposits bid very low and secure little. They want to play safe and not waste money, once it is turned into other hands for disposal. Early bids for a sale are usually the lowest bids received. The latest bids are usually the best. This is partly caused by the flood of coin sales. Collectors bid moderately at all sales and as soon as they find out what they get at one sale they remodel their bids for the next sale, sometimes adding to the bids they failed to secure at the most recent sale they bid at. There is the disappointing collector who bids so low on all lots that he doesn't even come near being successful on a single lot.

There are more of these than one might suppose. Some of them waste hours in estimating bids and fill bid sheets with worthless inadequate figures, wasting other people's time also, because a cataloger has to look up every bid made. Bid-entering is a tedious and juiceless pursuit also, something akin to shaving warts off pickles, just about as exciting. The cataloger occasionally writes a bidder and tells him about his bids and their chances of success, whereupon the bidder sometimes tells him he "knew" his "bids were low," but he was "taking a flyer anyhow, hoping to get something." It is gratifying, nevertheless, to know there is still a market for coins and that coins don't go for nothing in days of stress. Collectors rightly assume coins are somewhat of a hedge against certain forms of depression. They surely are more stable than a stock on the exchange which falls, as one did in the recent war scare, \$6.50 a share in the space of half an hour. Not so with coins. Coins keep their values all through wars and rumors of wars. They are just so good that the bargain hunting collector if he values them at too little secures nothing in the way of rare coins. When an especially rare coin comes along the best recipe to obtain it is too go after it with a stiff bid, as it might not appear again in years to come. As Lyman H. Low aptly said time and again, "The time to shoot bears is when bears are around."

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An Old-time Collector

A COLLECTOR of character and interest is Robert P. King, of Erie, Pa. Born in LaPorte, Sullivan County, Pa., in 1867, Mr. King is very much alive at 71, is up-to-date recollecting and enjoys the best of health, all of which is evidence that collecting pays and helps to make people forget to grow old. At this time he writes a fluent and boyish hand, like one of 17.

King's father died when he was 22 months young, and his mother took her two children to live with their grandmother in Philadelphia, where they lived until 1879. Robert thereupon moved to Erie, where he has been since. He was married on June 16, 1890, to Eleanor Cummins Kennedy, who died on June 9, 1920. King's father was an important publisher in Philadelphia. His firm printed some of the numerous varieties of Civil War envelopes, used for letters during the War. The firm name was King and Baird. So King never came of what could be called exactly plebian ancestry, although he has never cut any figure in the class war being waged at the present time in the U. S. A. by pseudo-reformers. King's interest in collecting started

when he was nine years old, attending the Philadelphia centennial, at that time someone presented him with a small 5 centime coin of Napoleon III. He followed up a taste for Civil War envelopes with a hunt for Civil War tokens, which at the time he commenced to collect them were still being passed around in circulation. It was in the early 1890's that he first ran amuck of the writer, when he placed an advertisement in James Elverson's "Golden Days." That very good weekly was a mecca for small collectors, of all things. From that first exchange ensued a correspondence which has lasted for almost 50 years, though neither of us have in that time met face to face. Uncle Sam did the rest.

Mr. King is the best known authority today on Lincoln medals and is an invidious collector of the same, his being one of the finest collections extant. The only really important work on the Lincoln issues ever written Mr. King did some years ago for a contemporary publication. It was a really important, rather painstaking work for which he deserves much credit.

So don't forget if you have a new Lincoln, something quite rare, King is interested and will give you some of its history. In his long years of collecting his tastes have ranged from coins and paper money to War Envelopes, carved ivories, miniatures, antique jewelry and what not else.

Robert P. King is, indeed, still in the ring and a shining exemplification of the argument that collecting things diverts ones mind from his physical being, or thoughts of folding up. Long may he live! The country needs more like him.—Thomas L. Elder.

Red Tape

O. Beer, San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America, wrote us in reply as follows after we suggested he become an exporter of the coins of El Salvador: "I thank you for your letter of recent date with your suggestion about the coin business. I tried it several times, but there is such a load of red tape involved, even with the tiniest invoice, that heartily I have discontinued to do anything in this line. Anyhow there hasn't been any new coin in the last 40 years. Every new coinage has the same design, only with very slight differences owing to the making up of a new die.

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The Emergency Money of Stolp in Pomerania

By RAYMOND J. WALKER

THERE are at least two series of emergency paper money issued by the town of Stolp in Pomerania but neither series bear dates of issue. The first and the oldest series in the writer's collection listed as "Konto D" consists of 50,75 pfennig, 1, and 1.50 mark notes on the face of which we find the skeleton of Father Time sitting rather awkwardly with a large upraised scythe in his extended right hand and his fleshless left elbow resting on an hour-glass. Beneath the blade of the scythe is the legend "Vincere aut mori". The printing is in black, blue, and gold on a gray paper. The lithographer was Flemming-Wiskott of Glogau. These notes are decorated on the reverse with types of military uniform peculiar to that locality at various periods. The 50 pfg. has a black hussar in the days of Frederick the Great; the 75 pfg. has a Blucher hussar on parade in 1810; the 1 mark shows a Blucher hussar in 1821, while the 1.50 mark has an officer of the Blucher hussars in 1843. The hussars of Blucher are

shown in blue and gold uniforms but the officer wears a red uniform. The artist was W. H. Lippert.

The other series listed as "Konto J" have Blucher, himself, on the face of the notes of which we have specimens of the 50 pfg., 75 pfg., and 2 mark issues. All show scenes from the life of the great Prussian marshal who assisted Wellington so ably in defeating Napoleon at Waterloo. The 2 mark variety shows Blucher at Waterloo. The colors are purple, black and a greenish-gray. Like the first series described the artist and lithographers are the same.

Stolp is a town of about 42,000 inhabitants in the old duchy of Pomerania. It received town rights in 1273 and from the 14th to the 16th century was a member of the Hanseatic League. In 1637 it passed to Brandenburg. The castle of Stolp, dating from the 16th century, is now a prison. The town has two old churches, St. Mary with a 14th century tower and St. John which dates from the 13th century.

The Notgeld of Stettin

By VERNON VARICK

AMONG the local emergency money issues sponsored by German cities toward the close of the World War and in the period of inflation following the fall of the monarchy are those of Stettin, the port of Berlin on the Oder, the ancient capital of the Dukes of Pomerania. The writer has record of but two issues of emergency paper but it is believed that there were more. The issue of 30 October, 1918 bearing the legend good until 31 Jan. 1919 was not very elaborate but bore the crowned eagle crest of the ancient city and the printed signatures of the magistrates. The face of the five mark note is printed in blue and the reverse in black on a light blue figured check paper. These notes bore individual serial numbers. The other series in my collection is that issued on 1 September, 1921 and which was good until 30 June, 1922. This series is represented by a 25 pfennig specimen with serial number and lettering in purple and black and a view of the Schloss Penkun on the reverse. The designer was H. Schubert and the notes were lithographed by M. Bauchwitz of Stettin.

The main part of Stettin occupies a

hilly site on the left bank of the Oder and is connected by bridges with the suburb Lastadie on the right bank, and with Silberweise, on an island formed by the Parnitz and the Danzig. The church of St. Peter founded in 1124 has the distinction of being the oldest church in Pomerania. The Schloss Kirche contains the tombs of the old Dukes of Pomerania who resided in the Schloss, built in 1577. The last of the dukes died in 1637 and the old castle is now used for government offices. The peace of Westphalia ceded Stettin to Sweden and by the treaty of Stockholm, in 1720, it was transferred to Prussia. The Rathaus dates from 1245. The town received its municipal rights from the Duke of Pomerania in 1243 and it became a member of the Hanseatic League in 1360. Two empresses of Russia were born at Stettin, Catherine the Great, in 1729, and Maria Feodorowna, wife of the Emperor Paul, in 1759.

At a very early period, the Vends (Wenden), a Slavonic tribe occupying the whole of the southern coast of the Baltic from the Elbe to Esthonia, had a seaport called Julin

(Jummeta) in the island of Wollin, at the mouth of the Oder. It is described by chroniclers as the greatest commercial city of Europe in the 11th century. Near it was Jomsburg, the stronghold of Palnatoki, a celebrated Scandinavian sea-rover and chief of a kind of piratical republic which he founded here at the latter end of the 10th century.

It was on the island of Usedom, June 24, 1630, that the Champion of Protestantism, Gustavus Adolphus, landed with an army of 17,000 Swedes. As soon as he reached the shore, he fell on his knees, and after a short prayer in sight of his soldiers, directed them to entrench themselves, seizing a spade with his own hand to show them the example. When tidings of this event were brought to the Emperor Ferdinand, he made light of the matter, sarcastically terming the Swedish leader "a snow-king, who would melt as soon as the summer drew near, and as he advanced towards a more southern climate."

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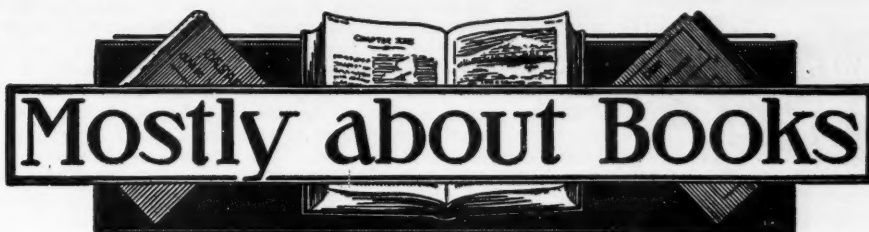
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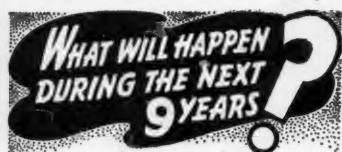
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'An April 3, 1821 contract was entered into with Henry Deringer of Philadelphia, Pa., to provide two thousand rifles, to be delivered within two years after completing a contract already in force at a price of fifteen dollars and fifty cents each.

"On July 19, 1822 a contract was signed with Marine T. Wickham of Philadelphia, Pa., to provide five thousand stands of arms with bayonets and ramrods complete, the same to be delivered in two and one-half years at twelve dollars per stand with the proviso that price would be increased in event that the government entered into any new contracts with others during the period of the agreement at a higher price.

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"Henry Deringer of Philadelphia entered into a second contract on August 28, 1823 for three thousand rifles to be produced in five years at fourteen dollars and fifty cents each.

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"Marine T. Wickham also entered into a second contract on December 6, 1823 to provide ten thousand muskets complete in five years at a price of twelve dollars and twenty-five cents each subject to an advance if price was increased to others.

"On December 9, 1823, Nathan Starr of Middletown, Conn., contracted to make four thousand rifles in five years at fourteen dollars and fifty cents each.

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"General regulations applied to all of the above contracts and provided that the model arm furnished by the government should be considered the standard of reference. On muskets the specifications were barrel with breech screwed in four pounds; the bore a little less than the smallest diameter allowable in finished muskets to be determined by a small

gauge-plug; the proving charge to be first charge 1/18 pound powder, lead bullet 1/15 pound, two 3/4" paper wads, one of the wads on the powder and the second on the ball and the whole well rammed with copper rods; second charge 1/22 pound powder with same bullets and wads as in first charge.

"After charging test musket was taken down when the barrel was examined for 'cracks, cinder holes, or ring bores' and 'the inspector will then stretch a line through the barrel and apply it to at least four sides of the bore to see that the sides are straight; the exterior will then be verified by applying the gauges to the breech, middle and muzzle; the breech pin should be case hardened, but the temper of the tang should be reduced so it will not break; the hole in the tang must be centered; the breech pin should be screwed into its place in the barrel; when the dimensions of the breech of the barrel with the breech pin and tang will be verified by the breech gauge; the vent will be carefully examined, it should enter the bore of the barrel in front of, but close to the end of the breech pin; care should be taken that the latter does not obstruct it, the barrel will next be placed in the stock to see if it fits the wood closely all along and that it is sunk nearly one-half of its diameter into the stock.'

"The various parts of the lock will be closely examined to see that the limbs are sound, well filed and of the proper form; that the pins have good threads on them and that the holes in the plate and cock have also good threads and correspond with those on the pins; the locks will then be put together to be sure pins turn out and in easily; test lock with lock gauge; then observe first, if the sear moves freely after screwing its pin as closely as possible and that its point is sufficiently strong and falls properly into the notches of the tumbler; secondly that the bridge has no cracks nor flaws in its pin holes or the hole of the tumbler pivot; third, if the springs are well adjusted to the lock plate and play freely when working the lock; fourth, if the neck of the tumbler fits exactly

its hole in the lock plate, that the pivot fits its hole in the bridge and that the hook of the tumbler does not pass below the edge of the lock plate; fifth, observe whether the cock works freely and steadily without rubbing against the lock plate when screwed up tight and sixth, see that the hammer plays freely and covers the pan closely; to ascertain if all parts are well hardened try them with a fine cut file; try the lock generally to observe the harmony of all its movements; snap the lock and if the hammer does not uncover the pan, the hammer spring is then too strong for the mainspring; if the hammer flies open too freely, the mainspring is then too strong for the hammer spring; in either case there will be but little fire and the sparks will not fall fairly into the pan; observe in drawing up the cock, if the point of the sear falls properly into the notches of the tumbler and that in snapping it does not stop at the half cock; try the hardness of the face of the hammer by snapping the lock several times with a good flint and observe if it makes fire freely; in returning the lock to its place see that it has been well fitted into the stock; the springs and other moving parts on the interior side of the lock should have sufficient room to work freely without being obstructed by the wood; the part of the stock resting against the inner surface of the lock plate should be smooth and straight so that the plate rests firmly touching the wood at all points; see that the cavities made in the stock for the bridge and heads of the screws are not sunk deeper than is necessary and that the trigger is not uncovered thereby; also that the cavity of the main spring is not so deep as to expose the barrel; the lining of the lock should fit the flat side of the barrel closely; the inner edge of the seat of the hammer should fit the barrel closely, but not to chafe in its movements.

"The stock should be examined before mounting and observe if the groove for the barrel is so formed as to fit the barrel closely its whole length; that the barrel fits closely against the wood behind it; and that the breech pin and tang are closely fitted; examine for cracks, splits or worm holes, this requires careful examination as it is not uncommon for workmen to endeavor to conceal

them by filling with glue and sawdust.

"The form and dimensions of the stock will be observed for length and fall by comparison with sample musket; the quality of the wood should be hard and firm and well seasoned. Unseasoned wood can be detected as it is apt to create rust on the inner surfaces; another way is to take a thin shaving from the stock and roll between the fingers, if seasoned it will crumble, but will not if unseasoned; also the smell of the wood at a fresh cut place will assist in determining if the wood be seasoned or not; no stocks should be used which have not been cut from the plank for at least three years and stored in a dry place for two years.

"The ramrods should be tested for dimensions by gauges for the purpose; try the temper by springing in four directions and observe that they are not permanently bent thereby; check for any flaws; see that it fits in its groove snugly.

"The bayonet should be tried by driving a staple into a work bench fifteen inches from its edge, place a piece of one-half inch wood equidistant between staple and edge of bench, insert the point of bayonet in the staple, the middle resting on block of wood and bear upon the other end until it touches the bench; repeat on the opposite side; the bayonet should stand this test without remaining bent or showing flaws; test socket to see it is bored straight and fits muzzle with exactness but not to require a greater effort than be given with the hand to fix or remove it.

"Marks: Muskets will be marked by the manufacturer before they are offered for inspection in the following manner, viz; the letters U. S. and the name of the contractor stamped upon the lock-plate under the pan; the name of the place where the musket is manufactured and the year within which it is made will be stamped upon the lock plate in the rear of the cock; the letters U. S. will be placed on the tang of the heel plate, the year will be placed on the tang of the breech pin, near the breech of the barrel and the letters U. S. will be placed on the face of the bayonet blade near the neck.

"After the examinations are concluded, all the arms which are of an approved quality will be marked by the inspector with the initials of his name, to be stamped on the stock opposite the lock."

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L. D. Satterlee, frequent contributor to HOBBIES Firearm Department, announces that a new edition of his "Catalog of Firearms for the Collector," will be ready about March 1.

Five hundred copies of this catalog were printed in October, 1927 but the issue is exhausted and now second-hand copies are bringing \$10 to \$25.

As researches are still in progress, and some controversial questions may not be solved for years, the new edition, in order to preserve the original quaintness of the first edition, will have all the text photo-lithographed, and an appendix will be added with corrections, additions and various comments gleaned from hundreds of letters. Large numerals will be placed in the original text, and the corresponding numbers will be found in the appendix, wherever new material is added. Same plates will be used.

It is thought the new edition will sell for about \$2.75, but the price is somewhat tentative at this time.

The book will be issued in flexible leather, also cloth, and unbound, so that it can be bound with any sort of binding.

Lieutenant Charles E. Chapel, U. S. Marine Corps, will add some chapters on gun collecting. There will also be a list of patents that should prove very valuable.

Further details will be announced later. We are sure that HOBBIES firearm fans will welcome this new edition by Mr. Satterlee.

Ohio Gun Collectors Meeting

The last meeting of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association, held in Wellington, Ohio, November 20, was well attended. There were twenty exhibitors, with over two thousand articles on display. These displays were by collectors from Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. This meeting was confined largely to antique arms and accessories, there being only a few modern arms exhibited. Trading was very generous and many choice items changed hands.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Bucyrus, Ohio, on January 15, at which time will be held the annual election of officers.

Weapons Displayed by Museum

Guns, pistols, revolvers, cutlasses, swords, and bayonets, graphic evidences of the increased murderousness of man from pre-Revolutionary days up to the World War, are contained in the notable collection of small firearms on exhibition at the Fort McHenry National Museum, Baltimore, Md.

Models of Ancient War Machine

Jerome D. Lauder milk of Los Angeles, Calif., studies and reconstructs in miniature the weapons used by ancient Greeks, Egyptians, Romans, Saracens, Crusaders and other folk who fought one another before the age of machine guns and bombing planes. His collection includes working models of ballistas, palintonas, polybolic, trebuchet, euthutonas, scorpions, springles and other war machines which seemed sufficiently terrifying in less civilized times.

Death of Well Known Collector

David L. Ingalls, Albany, N. Y., died recently. Mr. Ingalls, long a subscriber and contributor to this magazine had one of the finest collections of antique firearms, numbering over 600 pieces, including the "Hall Pistol," a very rare specimen.

Stray Shots

In introducing the new serial, "Dick Tracy Returns," a Chicago movie displayed a collection of old guns which included an old Chinese rifle, a Civil War rifle, a gun used by the New York state militia in 1865, a fountain pen tear gas gun, a gangster's sawed-off shotgun, and several modern automatics and revolvers.

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ARKANSAS CALENDAR STONE

By BRUCE BROWN

IN the Fordyce Bath House, Hot Springs, Ark., is a calendar stone that has caused much discussion among archaeologists. Whether the stone in the Col. John R. Fordyce collection of Indian curios was made and used by one of the Mayan tribes who came from Central America and scattered over the Southern states around the Gulf of Mexico and up into North America remains an unsolved mystery.

Different societies have disagreed as to its origin but the Florida Archaeological Society avers that the stone was made and used by a tribe

or tribes of Mayan Indians who lived in what is now Arkansas at least 1600 years ago and might have been several hundred years earlier.

This Arkansas stone is a replica of one in Central America which was its foundation. Used as a traditional prayer and worship as well as calendar stone, book of ancient history, book of knowledge and wisdom, it was a guide to the Mayans in all life's affairs.

The Mayans in Arkansas in that ancient day worshipped before this stone and toward the sun. This custom was followed by the Mayans

wherever they went in North America and in what is now the Gulf states and Florida. "In the morning at sunrise the multitude bowed their heads to the ground toward the rising sun, with one chief standing before the stone, and at noon they stood upright with three chiefs before it. At sunset they bowed again to the stone and the sun with nine chiefs standing before the stone."

The calendar is shaped like a flattened human heart, fifteen inches long, twelve inches wide and three inches thick in the middle, bearing a highly polished disk, in the centre of which a small hole is etched. The disk is raised about 3-16 inch above a ring 1½ inches in diameter. This is divided into thirteen spaces of about the same size. Upon the surface of each space is an etched design apparently the names of lunar months. Etched in relief outside the circle are figures and the five phases of the moon are carved. The carved figures represent the head of a whale; a large human eye, a fish, an alligator, a swimming bird, a human head with a large nose, a turtle, and a scorpion. Only eight of these sketches can be recognized, and in the Mayan language they mean:

1. Mayplaya—He that runs may live.
2. Auguluto—He who sows shall reap.
3. Amblemento—He who loves shall be loved.
4. Dilehasa—He who injures shall weep.
5. Malgora—He who curses shall fall.
6. Plutumala—He who kills shall die.
7. Askasha—Death clears and cleans all.
8. Mumbango—New birth and new life.
9. Elmarth—All things grow and have life.
10. Kuacama—He who is young has youth and beauty of manhood.
11. Jumsent—Pride injures the sun's face and darkens its light.
12. Pedma—He that steals shall lose all.
13. Quemala—He that worships the sun shall live forever.

Sanskrit translation of the language and meaning begin with No. 1 in the photograph and read to the right.

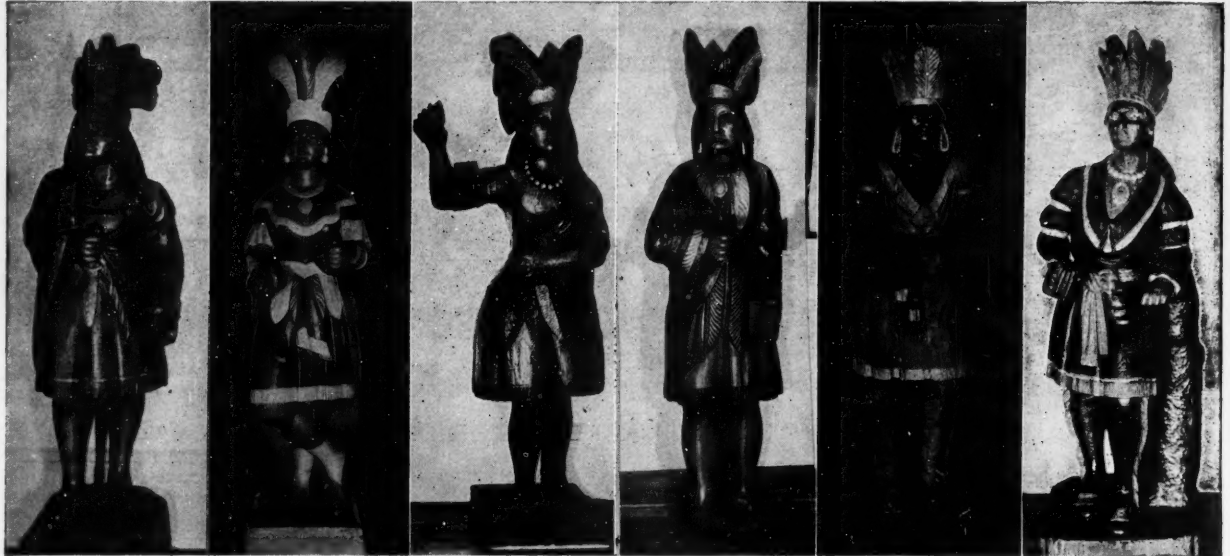
Other curios in the Fordyce collection (Continued on page 102)

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

(THE INDUS AMERICANUS WOODENSIS)

Courtesy Grand Rapids Mirror.

By MABEL ALLEN, Editor, Grand Rapids Mirror



The first figure, a squaw with a knife in one hand, cigars in the other, came from Pennsylvania, the next came from Northern Michigan, while the third, an Indian maiden with a bundle of cigars at her waist and another in extended arm, came from the historic Walker tavern where James Fenimore Cooper stopped—in southern Michigan, near Ohio border.

THE Wooden Indian, the symbol of the tobacco store, would shortly be only a memory if it were not for the fact that a few collectors have gathered together tribes for preservation. Through the efforts of the late Mr. Dudley E. Waters, Grand Rapids, Mich., is now the home of one of the finest collections of wooden Indians. In the foyer of an upper floor of the Waters Furniture Exhibition Building, 159 Ottawa Ave., N. W., there is a company of forty-two Indian chiefs and squaws, some a bit weather-beaten but all fine examples of the wood carvers art and almost all very well preserved.

The tobacco store Indian first made his appearance early in the eighteenth century. A London tobacco shop having prospered through the spread of snuff taking, introduced this symbol. The first wooden Indians used to advertise tobacco shops were dubbed "Black-boys" because of their resemblance to the little negro slaves brought from Jamaica. But it was in this country that the cigar store Indian became a type. Tradition tells us that a crude figure of Pocahontas stood at the door of a tobacco shop in Hancock Street, Boston, as early as 1730. The



The second figure, a squaw, is a companion to the fourth figure at the top of the page, the fourth figure came from Toledo where for thirty years, from 1870 to 1900, this maiden waved her wooden weeds before a cigar store on Cherry Street, then for nearly thirty years she was at Bell's Cigar Store on Sylvania Avenue.



The first figure is that of a warrior who was the first of Mr. Water's collection. This brave Indian stood guard at a Grand Haven cigar store for sixty-five years. Next to him is a small squaw and the second one to the right is very thin—the only real silhouette in the collection.

first authentic record, however, is that of a friendly, mild-mannered, inviting chief who was set up in front of a shop opened by Christopher Demuth in Lancaster, Pa., in 1770. As snuff taking lost its favor and the smoking of cigars became more popular, new cigar stores sprang up and each had to have its Indian emblem. One of the early figures on Manhattan Island, a warrior, squat and swarthy but impressive in its dignity, stood at the door of the D. H. McAlpin shop in Catherine Street in 1840. Twenty-six years later when the shop was moved to Avenue D, along went the Indian where it withstood the vicissitudes of the weather and the varying fortunes of civilization. Today, it presides from an exalted position at the cigar counter of the McAlpin Hotel.

The carving of wooden Indians in the early days seems to have been left to makers of ship's figureheads. As the Indian moved westward with commerce, a number of

German and Swiss wood carvers who had settled in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan, took up the art. These people had learned whittling in their native countries through making the tiny figures for Noah's arks.

While most of the carving was crude, it was purely the hand work of the maker, no machinery was ever used and no two images were ever made exactly alike. Julius Theodore Melchers of Detroit, father of Gari Melchers, the painter, attracted considerable attention for the quality of his work; his figures had a character of their own, with the hands and features unusually well done. While the average wooden Indian was sold for from \$25.00 to \$50.00, Melchers charge was never less than \$150.00 and when he was commissioned to carve the effigy of a well known chief, his charge was often as high as \$700.

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The figures in the Water's collection are of excellent design, very well carved and well preserved. No two members of the tribe are exactly alike. Cigar store braves may be classed in four general groups; there are chiefs, squaws or Pocahontases, blackamores or Pompeys and white men and cigarette girls.



Wooden Indians are now carrying a greater valuation than some other types of relics since they have become the almost unobtainable treasure for collectors. They are particularly pleasing because of their individual characteristics.

Like the bull's head and horns at the butcher shop, the grizzly bear at the furrier's, the dapple gray statue of a horse at the harness shop and the huge bottles of colored water at the apothecary, the wooden Indian recalls an epoch of American life which should be kept alive in our book of memories.

Fires, pranks of boys playing Wild West, and accidents made the use of sidewalk images impractical and ordinances regulating sidewalk obstructions hastened the departure of the wooden Indian. The last Indian in Grand Rapids, which was made of zinc, stood in front of a shop on East Fulton Street, then was moved inside and later (about 1928), was sold to a collector in Iowa.



A Convivial Trio—brought from an antique shop in New York to join the Water's collection in Grand Rapids, Mich.

All Indians shown are from the Waters collection—Photos by The Camera Shop. Acknowledgement is made also to John L. Morrison, Editor, Greenville, Pa., Record-Argus, a collector of American Wooden Indians for historical notes furnished in this article.

ARKANSAS CALENDAR STONE

(Continued from page 99)

tion include: cooking pots, arrowheads, a dancing feather bustle, rattle sticks, scalp ornaments of dyed pink horsehair, dyed porcupine quills on elkhide, a Sioux papoose cradle,

blanket lined, beaded and hung with bells, beaded puttees, bow of buffalo horn, and a deerhide pictograph of Custer's Last Stand, pipes of peace, etc.

Most of these curios were found in the Ouachita region of Arkansas and came from the mounds of Caddo Indians.

Planting Time

After their friend, Squanto the Indian showed them how to plant corn, the Pilgrims adapted themselves to conditions in their new country. In addition to learning how to fertilize the light soil with fish they knew corn-planting time had arrived "when the white oak leaves are as big as a mouse's ear."

Strange "Houses of the Dead"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16, 1938—Skulls of a long-headed, short-statured people, who lived along the Missouri River between St. Joseph and St. Louis some centuries before the historic Indians of that neighborhood, are now being studied at the Smithsonian Institution.

They were obtained this summer by Dr. Waldo R. Wedel, Smithsonian archeologist, from strange "houses of the dead" — hay-stack-sized stone mounds enclosing rectangular vaults which are peculiar to that part of the country. Dr. Wedel opened five of these mounds. The bones which were found indicated that the builders of the vaults were of a quite different physical type from that of the Indians encountered by the first white explorers of the area.

Dr. Wedel was trying to follow up a clue which indicated that the persons interred in the vaults belonged to the same general race and culture complex as did the so-called "Hopewellians," the prehistoric people who built the enormous mounds along the Ohio and upper Mississippi Rivers and in whom the Mound Builder culture reached its climax of orateness and luxury. In spite of much archeological work the connections of these Hopewellians remain unknown, although various clues have been uncovered.

A year ago in one of the vaults near Kansas City an amateur archeologist reported discovery of two broken pots such as are characteristic of the Ohio mound builders. This gave the idea that the stone vaults might be either a primitive or decadent phase of the same culture which has been found at a number of village sites in this region. It was hoped that additional evidence of this nature could be obtained from additional burial sites. Actually, however, Dr. Wedel was not able to find anything of the sort. The ancient people do not seem to have been given to the custom of burying prized possessions or magical artifacts with their dead. About all he found besides bones were some stone balls, approximately the size of golf balls, which presumably were used in some sport or gambling game.

A curious feature of the set-up was that all the vaults examined had openings facing the south. This must have been associated in some way with the religious ideas of the builders.

The great Ohio mounds, Dr. Wedel points out, were themselves burial places. So far as it can be reconstructed, the practice of the Hopewellians was to place the skeletons of their dead in log houses. When such a

house was filled it was set on fire and earth piled over the ruins. This would result in a mound about 15 feet high. There might be two or more such burial houses close together, so that the earth piled over their charred remains eventually would form a single mound.

At least 75 percent of the Mound Builder dead were cremated in this way, so that it is difficult to get a comprehensive picture of their physical type from such skeletal material as escaped the flames. Hence there can be no very accurate matching of their skulls with those of the ancient dwellers near Kansas City. It is quite possible, however, that the stone mound building complex was a natural adaptation of the Hopewellian custom to a relatively treeless region. On the other hand, the log building practice may have come later as the Indians migrated into a relatively heavily timbered country where, life being easier, their culture made the great advances which placed it among the most remarkable pre-Columbian America.

Compared with the Hopewellians the Kansas City dwellers had a rather scant "civilization." The Ohio dwellers were distinguished for the possession of copper, obsidian from Yellowstone, and pearls, which indicate that they had extensive trading relationships with other prehistoric tribes. The Missourians seem to have had only copper, aside from a wide variety of tools of bone, stone, horn, and clay.

Indians encountered by the first white explorers had no memories or traditions concerning the builders either of the mounds or of the stone vaults. They could only say that they had been there a long, long time ago, before their own ancestors first came into the country. Almost the only thing certain about them is that they were members of the Indian race, the only one of which there is the slightest trace in prehistoric North America.

Dr. Wedel also conducted excavations this summer in an ancient village site and graveyard in the same general area. The skeletal material and artifacts uncovered here were those of a quite different people from the vault builders. They probably came later in point of time, but still there is no discernable connection between them and the Pawnees and Kansas who lived in this part of the country in the middle of the 18th century.

There is evidence, Dr. Wedel says, that skeletons were placed in the vaults by at least two different people — the original builders and Indians who came later and reopened the tombs to receive their own dead.

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The multiple notch Cahokia arrows are triangular in shape having the usual larger main notches on each side of the arrow, near the base, forming a regular sharp cornered side notch arrow, by adding a notch on

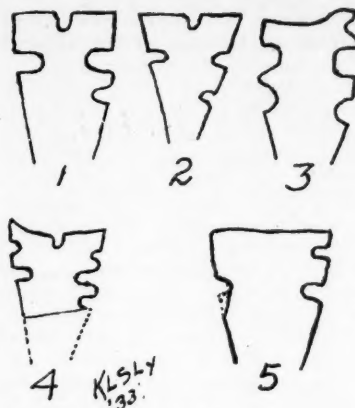
the center of the base, a three notch arrow was developed, then by the addition of other secondary notches on each side of the arrow, the four notch, five, six, seven notch arrows were formed. The three, four and five notch arrows are the most common finds of the multiple notch type although some six, seven and eight notch points are found occasionally. The finest workmanship and ninety percent of the rare agate and calcadony materials found at Cahokia are confined to the multiple notched types.

In taking up the "Extra Notch" subject, I am coining the term "Extra Notch" to distinguish the points in question from the regular, matched notch, multiple notch points.

By "Extra Notch" arrow, I refer to the multiple notched arrows having a secondary notch on one side of the arrow not matched by a like notch on the other side.

Up to the present time I have seen no mention of such arrows in any article covering the Cahokia area, but since there are no less than eight known examples of "Extra Notch" points found at Cahokia, in local collections, and perhaps some not known, I believe they should be discussed, especially in any article purported covering the complete Cahokia phase, if any such article is ever written. Almost all collectors will permit a study of their specimens to be made as long as they are not obliged to part with them in order to gain their recognition in publications. The ownership of a specimen should in no way affect its value in archeology.

There are five examples of the "Extra Notch" arrow in my collection (four found personally) and three others are known in separate local collections. The fact that there are so many of these specimens before me, would naturally, bring the



From the author's collection.

Extra notched Cahokia arrows

extra notch feature to my notice much more forcibly than to a collector, who has a single example before him, and, in case he had seen no others, would be justified in terming it a "freak" or unfinished point, until he does see others, obviously alike.

Knowing of eight examples of these points, evidently all finished arrows, it would be hard for a person to ignore the generally recognized rule among scientific archeologists and experienced collectors, that, in most cases, two or more like specimens constitute sufficient grounds for recognition or, at least, some mention.

All of the available specimens of "Extra Notching" are of first class workmanship made of excellent materials all of the notches are well made, defined, notches as are all the other multiple notched arrows when finished. Why would the arrow maker, in all these cases, evidently a skilled craftsman, take the time and trouble to select fine pieces of material, exert great skill in fashioning a straight well shaped arrow, place the main notches and all other secondary notches on it then neglect or forget to put one more small secondary notch in place, when it would be a matter of only a minute to do so, if it were ever his intention to put it there. Rather like a person spending six months constructing a fine stone house then forgetting to paint the window sills.

Why these secondary notches were placed on the multiple notched arrows, at all, is unknown. Perhaps they were put on as war or hunting tallies, marks of rank or simply for

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The sketches being used, are the five examples in my collection, the other three not being available for sketching at this writing, but as all three of the points missing, are duplicated, in shape, among the sketches shown, they will not be missed.

Sketch No. 1 and 2: The exact duplicate to these two is in an Illinois collection. These points are regular three notch type arrows with an "Extra" secondary notch added below the main notch on one side only. In case the other secondary notch was added, to match, on these points, they would form a very unusual five notch arrow, practically unknown at Cahokia as on the common five notch Cahokia point the two secondary notches are placed on each side of the head "above" the main notches and not below.

Sketch No. 3 shows a very unusual point not duplicated in any Cahokia collection that I now know of. This specimen has two main notches on each side of the arrow (a very unusual thing) with a small secondary notch placed on one side of the head which was flared, on that side, to facilitate notching, whereas, the other side of the head was chipped perfectly square, which, I believe, demonstrates the fact, that no notch was ever intended on that side.

Sketch No. 4 shows a typical five notched Cahokia point head, with the "Extra Notch" below the main notch on one side. This specimen is broken through the lower, or quarter, of the "Extra Notch" at an angle, toward the point, leaving enough of the reverse edge to show no evidence of a low secondary notch on that side. There was described to me, a broken "Extra Notch" arrow exactly like this, in another St. Louis collection.

Sketch No. 5 shows a typical two notch arrow with the "Extra Notch" placed on one side of the head above the main notch, one other Cahokia point notched the same way, is located in a still different, St. Louis collection.

Indian Lore; Ancient and Otherwise

By WILSON STRALEY

*A savage stood in silence at my side,
Then suddenly threw aback his
beaded shrouds
And stretched his hand above the
scene, and cried,
As all the land lay dead in snowy
shrouds;
"Behold! the sun bathes in a silver
sea of clouds."*

—Joaquin Miller, "The Great
Emerald Land."

Early writers were prone to picture the Indian women as drudges, and the men as lazy, because the women performed the tasks around the wigwam and camp. Such an arrangement, to the mind of both Indian men and

women, was an honorable division of labor. The man must hunt, to supply his wigwam with meat. He must protect his family by going on the war-path for long periods of time, on scant rations, undergoing many privations. The Indian woman would have felt disgraced had her warrior husband been compelled to perform menial tasks around the dwelling.—(John P. Brown, "Old Frontiers," pp. 18-19.)

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CORALS

(Part I)

By THEODORE RHINEAR

THE beautiful forests of coral which, in both hemispheres, spread their ever broadening branches beneath the shallow tropical seas, have always held some peculiar fascination for the mind and fancy of men. One of the graceful old Grecian myths illustrates their combined mineral nature and vegetable form as follows: Perseus, having slain the Gorgons and carried away the head of Medusa, found a heap of branches, upon which he had cast the bleeding trophy, converted by its magical touch into stone, and flushed with the hue of blood. The theories of a later age, while lacking the beauty which clings about those old fables, were scarcely nearer the truth as to the nature of corals. Until within the last three centuries, even among scientific men, the notions prevalent upon this sub-

ject were of the wildest and vaguest sort. And even now, though the animal nature of the coral polyps is well known, many facts connected with their life history are totally unfamiliar.

These little "toilers of the sea" have received any amount of praise for their untiring industry; they have given us a rich repertory of homilies, and pointed innumerable morals. People of intelligence who have never looked into the subject generally suppose that corals are the work of "insects", built as dwelling places, just as bees build their combs and ants their hills. Corals proper are the result of three different kinds of animal life, the true coral-lines being vegetable in their nature. They are not, however, made in any true sense of the word, but form about or within the living tissues of the organism, as the shell of the mollusks and the skeleton of the vertebrates form by unconscious processes of secretion and transmutation. In some cases the skeleton is external or shell-like; usually it is internal.

The very simplicity of their structure enables them to carry on the processes of growth and nutrition, while they are almost all stone. Of the three groups of coral-making animals, only two will be considered here. The Actiniae, or sea-anemones, and the Hydroidae. The third group, the Polyzoa or Bryozoa, belongs to the sub-kingdom of mollusks.

The coral polyps, while showing an organization far above the rhizopods, are equally destitute of mucous, circulatory, and of a complete digestive system. The fluid which performs the function of blood is merely digested material mixed with seawater. This distributes itself through all the interior cavities of the body, the undigested portion being ejected through the mouth, or pores of the skin. In species which live buried in the sand, an approach to gills for the aeration of the circulating fluid is found; but these are not coral polyps. A curious example of rudimentary organs of sense is found in some of the more highly organized actiniae. Arranged around the stem of the polyp just below the tentacles is a chain of eyes, each with a crystalline lens and short optic nerve. But each nerve is isolated; it leads nowhere

and is connected with no nervous ring center. Still it may be said that these creatures see in some dim fashion; they are sensitive to the action of light, besides giving other evidences of the power of vision.

Of the coral-making polyps the most important are the actinoid (daisy anemone). The highest forms of these, though they do not clog vital action and prevent all locomotion by the secretion of coral, are essentially the same as the true coral polyps. The external form of these sea-anemones is somewhat like that of a garden aster, which they also resemble in beauty of coloring. The flower-like disk, with its fringed border of tentacles, is supported by a thick pedicel of almost equal diameter with the disc. In the free anemones there is at the lower extremity another disc for purposes of attachment as well as of locomotion—slow though their locomotion is; in certain forms this is replaced by a bulbous-like termination with which they burrow in the sand and anchor there. In the center of the upper disc is an orifice or mouth which leads into the stomach beneath. In many varieties the stem is studded with warty protuberances, which act as suckers, and serve the purpose of attachment; in others it is marked by deep corrugations or transverse wrinkles, the result of contraction. The sac-like stomach of the actinia occupies only the upper portion of its pedicel; but the whole stem, both above and below the stomach, is radiate in its structure. The body is divided, by fleshy partitions extending from the circumference toward the center, into narrow, wedge-shaped compartments, each one of which communicates at the top with the hollow of a tentacle. The more important of these septa reach from the outer wall of the pedicel to that of the stomach, which they serve to support in its proper position, as well as to dilate it for the reception of food. A number of intermediate septa do not reach so far inward as the stomach walls, but serve to render the body contractile in the highest degree. Besides the muscles in the septa, the body is furnished with two other sets—one circular, the other longitudinal; there are also others in the tentacles. By means of this elaborate muscular system, the polyp, when disturbed, immediately ejects the water from its body through the mouth and the numerous pores in its exterior walls; the whole disc with the tentacles surrounding it is drawn in, and the sides of the stem are rolled up over these. The appearance is then merely that of a rounded or conical lump. The disturbing cause being removed, the water again is admitted mainly through the mouth,

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ly the sides, of the coral are concealed by the disc and tentacles, and by the skin of the living animals. In higher animals, as the skeleton receives new accretions, the older particles pass away, so that after maturity is reached, the skeleton, under normal conditions, remains of a constant size. The coral polyps, however, after a time secrete more skeleton than they can accommodate, and grow up and away from their mineral frame, leaving its stem below bare of any vital tissue, the flower-like polyp crowning the tip alone.

The prey of this curious animal-flower is captured partly by means of its tentacles, which, however, are usually too short to be quite sufficient for this purpose. There are, however, several ways in which the action of the tentacles is aided in the performance of their function; sometimes the whole disc rolls over the captured animal and forces it down into the digestive sac. The mouth and stomach of the actiniae are so extensible that they frequently swallow animals as large as themselves. In such cases, the margin of the mouth gradually extends itself until it is able to close over the victim, a large oyster or crab it may be,—until finally the creature with its shell is fairly engulfed. The nutritious portions having been absorbed, the anemone rids itself of the indigestible debris by the simple process of turning itself inside out,—which apparently causes it little inconvenience.

But besides its clasping tentacles, the actiniae has much more active weapons, offensive and defensive. Thickly crowded around the mouth and over the surface of the tentacles are myriads of tiny cells, each one of which contains, coiled up in its cavity, a long, slender, hollow thread, which the animal can shoot out at will with lightning-like rapidity. This is effected by turning the tubular filament inside out, like the finger of a glove, the tip being the last part emitted. Somewhere in connection with the basal part of this lasso is a receptacle for poison, which is injected into the wound made by the dart. Once ejected, the lasso is henceforth useless to the actiniae,—a matter of no consequence to the polyp, however, since its magazine is so abundantly furnished, and is moreover constantly being replenished. In the internal cavity of the body, along the free edge of the septa, and attached to a membrane, which is very much plaited and ruffled, is a slender white cord; these cords are found in bunches about the septa, and are extended through the mouth or through the basal orifices, which are apparently left for this purpose, and through any ruptured portion of the skin. About these acontia, as they are

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TOPAZ

TOPAZ is the birthstone for November and we see the wonderful golden tones of the autumn in this glowing gem.

The true name is "topaz quartz", "citrine quartz", or "citrine". Pliny says that the name Topaz originated in the word "Topazein", meaning "to seek", probably because the first locality in which it was found was the Island Topazos in the Red Sea.

Like the Ruby, the Topaz is supposed to have the power of giving out light. The Topaz has always been the symbol of friendship.

There has long been a tendency to call all yellow stones "Topaz"—especially the transparent yellow quartz. Contrary to the general opinion, Topaz is often colorless or very pale in tint. Yellow hues from pale to bright sherry are common, but the pale blue and the pale green stones are often taken for aquamarine.

The brownish-yellow stones from Brazil are often heated and changed to a lovely rose-pink.

The red, green, rose, pink and

violet Topaz are extremely rare when found *naturally*.

Colorless Topaz is often confused with the diamond and is made still more confusing by the fact that the specific gravity of these stones is almost identical. The "Braganza" once owned by the Kings of Portugal and listed as one of the largest of the famous diamonds of the world, is now known to be a white Topaz. Such colorless stones are known as "Slaves Diamonds".

Most Topazes come from Brazil, while the yellow and colorless Topaz is found in Ceylon. Fine blue Topaz comes from the Ural Mountains in Russia and from the San Diego County in California. Less important sources of Topaz are: Scotland, Ireland, Colorado, Africa, Burma, Australia, Madagascar, Japan and India—and some come from Mexico.

Topaz is less tough than some of the other gem stones and care must be taken not to drop it on a hard surface or a fracture will result.

Many gem lovers admire the soft beauty of the Topaz above all other stones. It has a lovely velvety quality which, coupled with its wide range of colors, offers a charming selection of birthstones for those born in November.

Ancient lore attributes healing properties to the Topaz.

The significance in dreaming of Topaz, according to the old soothsayers is, "No harm shall befall."

Topaz is under the sign of Sagittarius—November 21 to December 21.

The Topaz—

Who first comes to the world below Under Sagittarius should know That their fine gem should ever show A Topaz.

The use of Topaz to cure diseases of vision was strongly recommended by St. Hildegard.

A Roman physician of the fifteenth century was reputed to have wrought many wonderful cures of those stricken by the plague, through touching those afflicted with a Topaz that belonged to two Popes—Clement VI and Gregory II.

The superstitions that cling to precious stones are part of their charm and the curious lore that has been collected about them fills many volumes, the result of painstaking research.

Topaz at the moment is enjoying a revival. The reason is that it is particularly suited to gold setting and to the periods from which fashions for 1938 are stemming. Large bulky gold terraced bracelets are shown supporting huge topazes, and rings, earrings and necklaces of gold all set with sizable stones of this variety.

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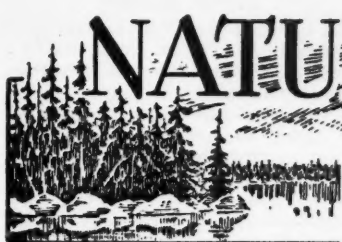
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NATURAL HISTORY



WHITE BISON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In Siam and Burma it's the white elephant—but this sacred creature hardly ranks for holiness with a young animal who has lived unnoticed for the past year in the National Zoological Park, a branch of the Smithsonian Institution.

This sacrosanct animal is a white bison, the only specimen in captivity of a class of animals highly prized and venerated by most tribes of Plains Indians, according to ethnologists of the Bureau of American Ethnology. In times past, before the Sioux, Crow, and other Plains Indians had made much progress in accepting the ways of the white man, a white bison hide was highly valued. The Mandan Indians, who would not ordinarily part with their best war and buffalo-hunting horses for any consideration, would trade them in exchange for a white buffalo hide.

Among many primitive peoples white animals of various sorts, albinos and otherwise, have been endowed with supernatural virtues. The animal selected for this reverence is usually one closely associated with the life of the people, like the elephant in Buddhist countries. The ordinary bison was the Plains Indians' source of livelihood. It provided him with food, clothing, and utensils, and with the hides used for making tents.

This animal, according to Dr. William M. Mann, Director of the National Zoological Park, was born on the National Bison Range near Moiese, Montana, but a few years ago, and was presented as a gift to the Zoo by the United States Biological Survey in December, 1937. Because of the prominence of this type of animal in the history and mythology of many of the Plains tribes, and because it is a natural curiosity, it is hoped in the future to breed this animal with a normal-colored bison cow. There is a possibility that the white strain might be preserved in this way. The result of this experiment time alone will tell.

When it dies it is feared that the last white bison born and kept in captivity will have passed from the

world. The animal is exceedingly rare. Only one white bison robe was traded into Miles City, Montana, from the great northern bison herd in the winter of 1882. A considerable amount of white bison lore has been accumulated by John G. Carter, Smithsonian collaborator, from the accounts of Indians, missionaries, and explorers. Long before the Indians had guns and horses, according to Mr. Carter, they killed the bison by driving them into pens, or over the brinks of high embankments. According to a story collected from among the Atsina Indians of Fort Belknap, the meat and hides of a herd thus taken was not touched if a white bison were found in the herd unless there was great scarcity of meat in the Indian camp. Among the Atsina a white bison which was killed in a buffalo drive was skinned, and the hide turned over to the keeper of the Turtle Pipe, a pipe which was said to possess great supernatural power. A white bison robe is now at Fort Belknap, forming a part of the offerings and regalia of the Turtle Pipe.

Among the Teton Sioux the white bison was believed to have taken the form, according to their legends, of a beautiful woman, who has a benevolent and powerful spirit. The story, as related to Captain Philo Clark of the U. S. Army in the late seventies by a Cheyenne chief, and also by a chief of the Teton Sioux, is as follows:

Long ago, before the Sioux had horses, two young men went out from the camp in search of buffalo. In their wanderings they espied a beautiful young woman, who was more fair to look upon than any of the Sioux maidens. One of the young men was wise and good. His heart was brave and strong. The other was foolish. The latter said: "There is a beautiful young girl on the prairie alone. Let us capture her." The young man with sense said: "No, that would be wrong. This is a holy woman."

They were yet at some little distance from her, and she had attracted their attention by singing. After they made signs to her she approached and, knowing the conversation which had passed between the young men, said: "I am alone and in your power."

In spite of the protests of his companion the foolish young man at-

tacked her, when a great mist suddenly arose and enveloped them and spread over the prairie, and the air was filled with terrible hissing sounds. As suddenly as it came the fog lifted, and it seemed to take with it numberless rattlesnakes. Then the wise young man saw the woman standing near him, and between her and himself the ghastly bones of his companion from which the flesh had been entirely consumed by the rattlesnakes. The woman said: "You are wise and brave and good. I have taken pity on you and your people. Go and tell them that I know they are poor and that I will take pity on them."

The young man returned to the camp and told what he had seen and heard. A large lodge was pitched in the center of the camp. The beautiful woman had followed the young man and as she approached the village she was met by the medicine men and carried on a blanket. She held a pipe high in the air and pointed towards the sun. A large fire was built in the

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Old Silver

The Historic Hudson in Sterling Reliefs

By JOHN A. MUSCALUS

ALTHOUGH the Hudson has been the subject of numerous individual objects as medals, stamps, and post cards commemorating events associated with it, some sterling Hudson River souvenir spoons portray these associations as a unit or panorama. The specific one in question bears reliefs of Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh; Memorial Hall, West Point; Rip Van Winkle; the "Clermont" and "Robert Fulton"; and a teepee, canoe, paddle, ax, peace pipe, and papoose.

The Headquarters on the west bank of the Hudson is the building in which Washington prepared the proclamation which disbanded the Revolutionary army in 1783. It now serves as a Revolutionary museum.

Memorial Hall at West Point commemorates the Union leaders of the Civil War. It was built in accordance with the intention and funds of General George Cullum of the Class of 1829. The Main Room of the Hall contains many paintings and tablets

of notable Northern Generals. This room is also used by the Cadets for their hops.

Rip Van Winkle is one of Washington Irving's characters. Rip was a Dutch colonist who, while hunting in the Catskill Mountains of New York, met a little bearded stranger whom he helped carry a keg to a group of similarly strange men playing ninepins. While in their company, Rip slyly tasted the contents of the keg and fell asleep for twenty years. Upon awakening he returned to the village and found that his nagging wife was dead and buried (much to his relief), that Amercia had become independent, and that he was a grandfather.

Washington Irving was born in New York City in 1783. In addition to his "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", two of America's classics he was a prolific writer of historical works of which his last was "The Life of George Washington."

The "Clermont" and the "Robert Fulton" are reminiscent of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration held in New York and other cities along the Hudson between September and October of 1909 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River, and the centennial of the launching of Fulton's "Clermont" in 1807. Models of the latter and the "Half-Moon" which was Hudson's ship, were among the vessels on the river during the celebration. The "Robert Fulton" of 1909 was used to contrast the march of progress in navigation of the Hudson River since 1807. The event was also commemorated by a Hudson-Fulton stamp of 1909.

On the reverse of the spoon, a teepee, canoe, paddle, ax, peace pipe, and papoose are symbolical of the Indian life that abounded along the Hudson and in New York state. It was formerly the home of such tribes as the Mohicans, Mohawks, and Iroquois.

Silver Briefs

Be not discouraged if your research in old silver is slow. Mrs. William A. Fulton of Burlington, Wis., admits that it took her eight years to learn to read efficiently the hall-marks on old silver. Recently Mrs. Fulton gave a talk on "British Hallmarks," at the Milwaukee Art Institute in which she told how she was led to the study of hall-marks by a Christmas present she received eight years ago from her son, Robert, then a student at Beloit college. It was a school thesis on the subject of hall-marks on an old silver toddy ladle which had belonged to the young man's great-great-grandfather.

The young man presented the thesis as a gift because his mother had long made known that other presents than those he himself made were not acceptable.

Among other things that Mrs. Fulton explained to her listeners at the recent lecture were:

"There are seven important government assay offices in Great Britain besides the provincial stations which are different in placing. The principal offices are in London, Birmingham, York, Sheffield, Chester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dublin."

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Logan Kendall of Jasper, Ind., while plowing unearthed a sterling silver spoon with various Masonic ensigns on it and in its bowl an embossed reproduction of Washington's home, "Mt. Vernon." On the rear, dates 1732-1799, and the Shrine emblem.

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Back Number Magazines

PRINTING AND PERIODICALS

in Colonial America

By JOHN LAKMORD WAYNE

Printing presses were established in the Western Hemisphere as early as 1545 when the first book was printed in Mexico—a school manual entitled "The Spiritual Ladder," which was published under the direction of the viceroy at Mexico City. Ninety-three other books were printed in Mexico during the XVIIth century, and seven in Peru. "Sin and Danger of Self Love" was the title of the first English sermon printed in the colonies. It was preached at Plymouth on December 12, 1621.

A printing press was set up at Cambridge, Mass., by Stephen Daye, in March, 1639. Daye received 300 acres of land from Massachusetts because he was the first printer in the North American Colonies. "The Bay Psalm Book" was prepared by John Eliot and others, and published at Cambridge in 1640. In 1658, the Rev. Samuel Newman of Rehoboth, published a massive concordance of the Bible. In 1661, John Eliot published his translation of the New Testament in the Indian language. Saviour is written on its title-page

"Nuppoquohwussuaeneumun." This work was followed by a translation of the Old Testament in 1663. Licensees of the press were appointed by the Massachusetts legislature in 1662.

John Foster, born at Dorchester, Mass., in 1648, established a printing office in Boston in 1675. He is credited with being the maker of the first known engraving of any sort done in America—the crude woodcut portrait of Richard Mather. He is also credited with making an early woodcut seal of the arms of the colony, and with the engraving of a crude woodcut map of New England. Foster died in Boston in 1681.

In 1681 the English government forbade the use of printing presses in Virginia and no printing of books was done in that province until 1789. In Pennsylvania a printing press was set up in 1686, at Shakamaxon, by William Bradford whose first publication was an almanac.

The first periodicals appeared in the English colonies of North America at the beginning of the XVIIIth century. The newspaper, generally credited as being the pioneer, was called "Public Occurrences, both Foreign and Domestic," which was published by Benjamin Harris, at Boston, on September 25, 1690. It was so radically democratic that it was smothered by the magistrates on the day of its birth. There is a copy of this single issue in the State Paper Office in London. Harris returned to England where he became the publisher of "The London Post." Other antiquaries give the honor to the "News Placard" said to have been issued in Boston in 1689, or "The Present State of New English Affairs" also a short-lived publication of 1689. However, John Pory, while secretary to the Virginia Colony, sent "news letters" from "James City" as early as 1619.

In 1693, William Bradford, of Shakamaxon, established the first-printing house in New York. He was allowed 40 pounds sterling a year for undertaking the enterprise.

The first permanent newspaper was the "Boston News Letter" which was first issued on April 24, 1704. It was in existence forty years before it had 300 subscribers. It survived until the

Revolution. With this publication newspaper reporting began. In the report of the execution of six pirates, the speeches, prayers, etc., were "printed as near as it could be taken in writing in the great crowd."

In 1709, Thomas Short set up the first printing press in Connecticut at New London. The first newspaper in Pennsylvania, "The American Weekly Mercury," was issued at Philadelphia on December 22, 1719, by Andrew Bradford and John Capson. "The Boston Gazette," however, is credited with being the second permanent newspaper in the colonies, having commenced a day earlier than the "Mercury." Both papers are said to have been mailed to subscribers on the same day. The "Gazette" was sponsored by William Brooker, the postmaster at Boston, and printed by James Franklin, a brother of Benjamin.

The "New England Courant" was established in Boston in 1721 by James Franklin. He was imprisoned because of the free criticism permitted in its columns. Its contributors were called "The Hell Fire Club" by the churchmen of the day. It lasted about six years. Benjamin Franklin set type and wrote some articles for it.

The "New York Gazette" was established in that city by William Bradford in 1725. As Bradford was "Printer to the Crown" he was unable to record opposition to government measures, and to oppose his "Gazette," the "New York Weekly Journal" appeared in November, 1773. This was published by John P. Zenger. A libel suit against

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Mounting Japanese Paintings

Laurance P. Roberts, writing in a recent issue of the Brooklyn Museum Quarterly, gives some helpful pointers for the mounting of Japanese paintings. Mr. Roberts says in part:

"Long vertical paintings are mounted with wide borders of silk backed by paper. These are hung on a wall 'kakemono' by the Japanese. These are the 'hanging scrolls' of the West. A wooden rod runs across the top, and the painting is hung from a string attached to this rod. At the bottom is a large wooden roller, on which the painting is rolled when it is not used. The ends of this roller, the 'handles', are usually of stained or polished hardwood, but handles of metal, ivory, horn, jade or porcelain may also be used.

"Today the mounting of such a scroll follows a set pattern. Across the top and bottom of the picture are narrow strips of bright colored patterned silk. Surrounding the picture as well as these narrow strips is a border whose upper margin is always wider than the lower. Above and below this border are broad margins known, in the pleasant Chinese terminology, as 'heaven and earth.' The wider margin is always at the top and usually bears the relation to the lower margin of three to two.

Two narrow strips pasted vertically on the upper margin and known as 'wind bands' complete the mounting. The face of this mounting is always of silk, backed with heavy paper. Unless the whole mounting is white, the border and the wind bands are of one color and the upper and lower margins of another. The Chinese, unlike the Japanese, who go in for strong colors, prefer pastel colored silks, sometimes figured with an unobtrusive all-over design.

"A small strip of paper containing the dynasty and the artist's name is frequently pasted on the mounting beside the upper right hand side of the painting and another is on the back beside the rod at the top, so as to be read when the scroll is rolled up.

"The third type of mounting is designed for those horizontal scrolls usually a foot or so wide and many feet long which are a peculiarity of Chinese painting. These scrolls are never meant to be unrolled all at one time, but are intended instead to be seen by one or two spectators who unroll a small section at a time. They are frequently of landscape subjects, and when opened before a spectator unfold a continuous panorama. These paintings are called 'makemono' in Japan and are referred to as 'hand scrolls' in the West. They are unrolled from right to left, like Chinese books which are read in the opposite direction from Western ones.

"This type of painting is also backed on paper and has a silk border, either white or pastel colored. The silk, however, covers only the narrow top and bottom borders and extends but a short distance beyond the two ends of the painting. Beyond the silk pieces are long strips of paper, to receive the annotations, poems, essays and other literary efforts that often accompany Chinese paintings.

"Hand scrolls have a roller at the left end, on which the picture is rolled and a narrow rod at the right. The back of the mounting that shows when the scroll is rolled up is covered with a silk brocade. Also

on the back beside the rod is a paper label giving the dynasty, the artist's name and the subject of the painting.

"Both hand scrolls and hanging scrolls are frequently kept in protective bags of brightly colored silk. These bags open at one end only, and are fastened with the same type of loops and knotted silk cords that are used on Chinese clothes. A strip of white silk, containing the same information as that found on the paper label on the painting, is sometimes sewed on beside the opening."

Making a Rubbing From Stone

We also draw upon the experiences of Laurance P. Roberts, writing in the same issue of the Brooklyn Museum Quarterly for these suggestions for making a rubbing from stone. Mr. Roberts suggests (in part):

"It has been the custom of the Chinese from the days of their earliest history to engrave important documents on stone and to raise stone slabs carved with characters expressing appropriate sentiments in honor of their ancestors. Later on, the designs of famous paintings were cut on stone slabs, and today there is hardly a temple or museum in China that does not have its collection of engraved stones.

"The Chinese have an ingenious way of taking paper impressions or rubbings from these stones. The rubbings resemble those made from brasses in English churches, but they are produced in quite a different way. The English archeologists stretch a sheet of paper across the brass they wish to take and then rub the surface of the paper with a heel ball which is a mixture of lampblack and beeswax. The surfaces of the brass flush with the paper are blackened while those covering the indentations in the brass remain white.

"To make his rubbings the Chinese craftsman uses a tough absorbent fine white paper. He lays this paper over the stone, moistens it and forces it into the crevices and fine lines of the inscription or design with a clean pad or brush. Next he allows the paper to dry enough so that it will take ink properly but not dry enough to lift off. Then he dips a large circular pad made of cotton batting covered with either cotton cloth or silk into a saucer of already ground ink and pats the paper with this ink-charged pad with considerable force until the entire surface has been covered.

"The craftsman must take great care in patting the paper with the ink-charged pad to produce an evenly inked surface. If some pats should be stronger than the rest they will

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show up as darker circles and mar the evenness of the tone.

"The patting done, he lifts up the paper which now bears a direct white on black impression of the inscription or design, folds it up and adds it to the stock of the shops that specialize in such things.

"Rubbings may be made of such large and comparatively coarse objects as the stone reliefs in the Buddhist caves at Lung Men near Loyang in Honan and also extremely delicate bronze mirror backs, jades and details of bronze vessels. The paper used to make these delicate rubbings is of fine quality and very thin. The ink pad is very small and ink with a silvery gray tone is the

one most preferred. This contrasts greatly with the strong shiny black tones of the ink sought after in the bigger stone rubbings.

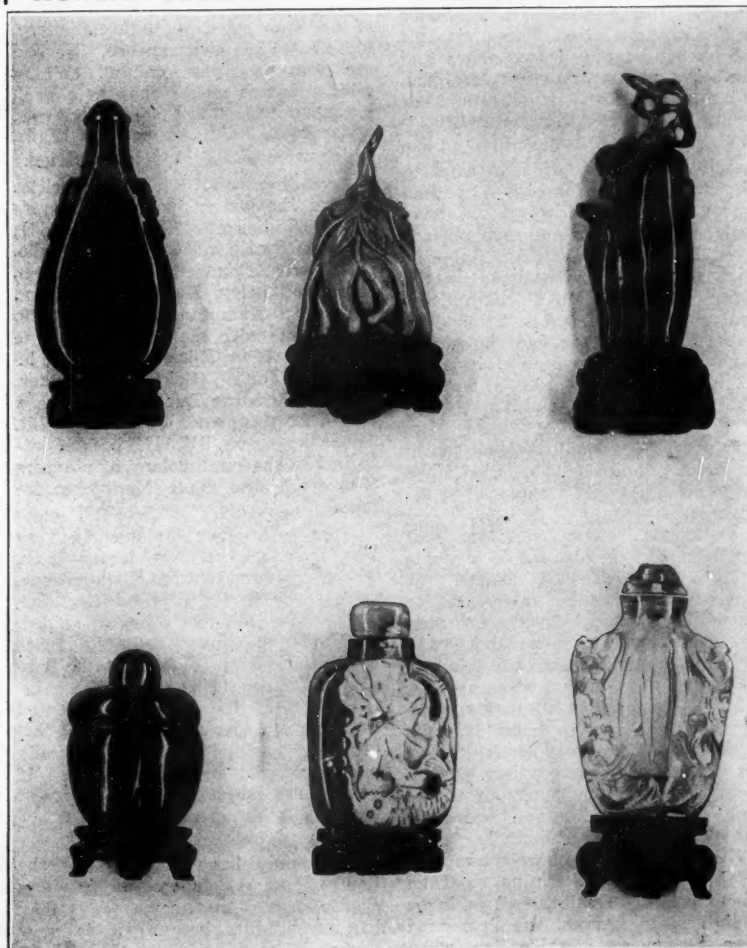
"Rubbings offered for sale are nearly always unmounted. They are difficult to study or exhibit in this way, as the rubbing paper will tear rather easily. Accordingly the purchaser either has the rubbing backed with heavy paper or else has it mounted as a picture. The mountings may be the same as those used for paintings, but usually are more simple and therefore much less expensive. There are no handles on the rollers, and the borders are not elaborately divided and colored as are the borders on the paintings."

Old Chinese Snuff Bottles

Old rare artistic Chinese snuff bottles made of jade, ivory, carnelian, coral, amethyst, jasper, rockcrystal, turquoise, rosequartz, amber, tourmaline, haircrystal, porcelain, Peking-glass, etc. Beautiful colors, artistic carving, fine quality and graceful shape. Each bottle 3" to 4" high and of different design and shape, fitted with fine stopper and teakwood base. Decorative as small cabinet pieces; for curio cases or whatnot; miniature shelves. Fine items for art lovers. Price, \$7.50 to \$24.50 each. (Bottles sent on approval and for selection if given a reference.)

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Late Flash

In the Antiques Department of this issue Chester Parry, New York State dealer, describes the methods used by two tricksters in looting several shops in his surrounding territory. Since the form containing that news went to press Mr. Parry writes of the apprehension of these culprits as follows:

"Dear Mr. Lightner:

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to report the apprehension of these parties. After narrowly escaping capture in Binghamton, N. Y., on the afternoon of November 29; they sneaked into Cortland, N. Y., where they called on Mrs. Cummings, a dealer, who had been warned through one of the many notices I sent out. She performed her duty well; and the birds were soon bagged by the police.

"Thus, just one week after I had mailed the first notice, the crooks were safely ensconced in the strong arm of the law. I was very much pleased with the fine cooperation I received from other dealers in this case. This demonstrates what can really be accomplished by persons who are determined that such racketeers shall not remain at large. Seldom does justice descend so swiftly and surely.

"When nabbed, these men had four different sets of license plates in their possession, plus \$1.10 in money; but no antiques. They were driving a new Dodge sedan, a car they had not been seen with before, which made a known total of three machines used. They were also wearing different clothes.

"I still think it would be a good idea to publish the main facts in this incident, as it will tend to make all dealers more cautious in their business transactions, and serve notice on the gangs of social parasites as to what treatment they may expect when they try to ply their wiles on an aroused and militant Antique Brotherhood.

Chester E. Parry."

Kalamazoo Show

The acorn shall develop into a mighty oak if interest and attendance are to be the criterion by which one may foreshadow the future success of the Kalamazoo, Mich., Hobby Show. The first show was held recently under the sponsorship of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. Richard Hollingsworth, Myron Rustler, and Enno Hann comprised the committee-in-charge. Unique exhibits were sponsored by the Antiques Hobby Club, the Y. M. C. A., Public Library, Stamp Club, Radio Technicians Association, Chemistry Club, Angler's Club, Society of Model Engineers, and other groups.—J. S. B.

"AT THE SIGN OF THE CREST"

SWAIN COAT-OF-ARMS

By MABEL LOUISE KEECH



Swain

THE SWAIN Coat-of-Arms with maidens' heads on it? For why? A swain is a youthful rustic, a lover! Perhaps that is the reason. But "Canting Arms," or "Speaking Arms" are those whose symbols sing or speak forth the name. Again, perhaps that is the reason, only we would expect to see a *swain* instead of a *maiden*.

QUERY—(In the wrong place)—Does anyone know the real story of the grant of these maidens' heads? If so, please write, for we have not yet found it, and it may not even be in print. One authority who says the human head is always a special grant of honour, also maintains that seldom is the meaning divulged.

The description of this Swain Armorial Bearing, as registered in Burke's General Armory, and confirmed in Fairbairn's Book of Crests, is: *Azure a chevron between three pheons or, on a chief gules as many maidens' heads coupé proper crined of the second. Crest—A maiden's head coupé proper crined or.*

The terms: Azure, blue. Chevron, the inverted V. Pheons, inverted spear-heads. Or, gold. Chief, band across the upper one-third of the shield. Gules, red. Coupé, cut straight off. Proper, natural color. Crined, hair. Of the second, of the second color, which is "or", gold.

Colors and numbers are never repeated—note "as many," instead of "three," before "maidens' heads." Crest, the symbol on the six-stranded wreath of the colors, above the helmet.

The color code—so that you may imagine it in color though reproduced in black and white: Blue, horizontal lines. Gold, dotted. Red, vertical lines. Natural colors, shaded naturally.

Thus we have in this illustration, a blue shield. In the lower two-thirds is a gold chevron between three gold spear-heads. The description does not say the chevron is gold, but as the color-name comes *after* every symbol, though not repeated, the word "or," (gold), after "spearheads", alludes to the chevron also. Three symbols are always arranged two above and one below unless otherwise described, or unless on a band, whether another symbol is between them or not.

It is always necessary to read the description through before attempting to picture it. In this case if we had drawn as we read, we would have made the chevron and spear-heads cover the entire shield. But—the chief comes in. This band is the upper one-third of the shield, and the symbols mentioned before it, must be proportionately arranged below it. Thus we have a red chief, charged with three maidens' heads of natural color, with gold hair, and cut straight off at the shoulders.

The crest is a maiden's head "as in the Arms", a phrase often used when a symbol on a shield is repeated in the crest.

A chevron, "likened unto the roof of a house", is symbolical of one who protected defenceless people, or achieved some notable enterprise, or accomplished some faithful service. Also sometimes given to those who built fortresses or churches. Compare this latter with a coming paragraph.

Guilim, probably the oldest authority on symbolism in heraldry, says of the pheons or spear-heads, "Being apt and ready to pierce, they betoken a dexterity and nimbleness of wit to penetrate and understand and matters of highest consequence."

The chief and the chevron are both in the group of the nine so-called "Honourable Ordinaries," large straight-sided figures, the first used as a means of identification when

armoured knights and soldiers needed to be recognized by their commanders and companions.

The chief, representing the head, is emblematical of authority, rank, dignity, and dominion. It holds the honor position on the shield, and any symbols charged upon it are of greater importance than those in the base.

The maidens' heads were discussed in the first paragraph. Their meaning remains a puzzle, only that we know they are symbols of high honor, and hold the honor position in this bearing.

Colors represent the characteristics of the bearer, granted only if he be worthy of their special significance. Blue signifies loyalty and truth; red, courage and magnanimity; gold, generosity and elevation of mind.

The Armorial Bearing here described, according to Burke's General Armory, was granted to one William Swayne, June 20, 1444, and confirmed by a descendant, William Swayne, gentleman, of London, in 1612. It was also confirmed later by his descendant, Samuel Swain, of Essex, Alderman of London.

The first William Swayne mentioned above, built the South Chapel of St. Thomas' Church in Salisbury, in 1448, at his own expense. He had the Swayne Arms painted on the wooden beams of the chantry chapel, but they were the "original" Arms, without the chief and maidens' heads, which were added at a later period.

According to some authorities (whom the writer has no reason to doubt, but has not "double-checked"), Richard Swain of St. Albans, who, with wife Elizabeth and children, came to Rowley, Mass. in 1635, and resided in Hampton, N. H. in 1638, was in line with the William Swayne of 1444. After Elizabeth's death, he married Jane (Godfrey) Bunker, widow of George Bunker who was a cousin of the owner of Bunker Hill. Thus the name SWAIN became attached to the small colony of pioneers who loved and made Nantucket Island.

Here is another instance such as was mentioned a few issues back, where "augmentations," additions, were made to the original Coats-of-Arms—the maidens' heads added. And, if one cannot definitely trace this line through to the one who bore the additions, he can take the original, borne by the one who was seated in a certain loyalty, from which his ancestors came, if this was the only one registered in that locality. If there were more registered, he must search out his own line.

Again may we urge that *you* do not do as many have done—follow the line of least resistance, and take *any* Coat-of-Arms that some one may hand you, just because it is *your* name. Take a pride, as this family

has done, in going to the source, to confirm and establish your inherent right.

A Find! Can You Claim It!
An heir-loom of the Fletcher Family of Maine

Does any one in Maine know Dr. Hugh D. Fletcher who came to California back in pioneer days? Some years ago I called at the home of Dr. Fletcher, a pioneer in the Mother Lode Section of California. On the wall were hanging two fine life size oil paintings, one a beautiful young woman with long curls, a perfect oval of a face, and exquisite mouth and large grey eyes. Opposite was a gentleman with fine clear cut features, dress and pose of an aristocrat. Dr. Fletcher told me they were his parents painted in Maine by a New York artist when he was a child. If he mentioned the place in Maine it is forgotten. He and his sister Esther, only relative he had in the west are dead, and not long ago on inquiring what ever became of the paintings, I discovered them hanging in an old garage or barn and acquired them. They are admired by all who see them and artists have praised the work. When I rescued them hornets had built their homes around the edge of the frame but the faces were unharmed and are as lovely as ever. Would a Fletcher relative be interested.—*Mrs. William S. Perry, Roseville, California.*

QUERY AND REPLY COLUMN
(For Heraldry and Genealogy only)
Rules For Queries

1. Send in "Queries" either on Heraldry or Genealogy, and watch for the "Replies" in HOBBIES, as given by another reader who may know and send the answer.
(Do not expect professional research, Coats-of-Arms, nor long family histories through this column. Be reasonable, brief, and to the point.)
2. Reply to any "Query" possible, sending references.
3. Your Queries will be numbered Q. 1, Q. 2, etc., and the Replies with corresponding numbers, R. 1, R. 2, etc., and the date of appearance of Query.
4. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for personal replies, which will be attended to in order, as soon as possible.
5. Address all mail—"At the Sign of the Crest," c/o HOBBIES.
- R. 14. Dec. R.L., N.Y. According to the Hazard Genealogy which has the Perry lineage, there was no Constantine Perry in that family. In the Vital Records of Rehoboth, Mass., there are two Constantine Perrys. One born Aug. 3, 1735, and the other, son of Samuel Jr. and Ruth, born Feb. 3, 1745-6.—S.R., Ohio.
- R. 15. Dec. R.L., N.Y. President Jas. Garfield had a sister Mary who married Marenus Larrabee.—H.L., Ohio.
- Error Corrected. Q. 16, in Dec., should read Loudoun Co., Va., instead of Rowdon. There was also an error in the numbering—two 16s, which will be noted if replies arrive.
- Q. 18. Would like parentage and place of birth of Chester and Orlando Rice, later known as Roice. From census and gravestone records he was born in Vermont, June 12, 1824-5.

He married probably in N. Y., about 1845, Angelina White, b. 1828 Wayne Co., N. Y. Oldest child, Sophia, b. 1846, Erie Co., N. Y.—N.C.H., Oregon.

- Q. 19. Wanted, parents of Lory (or Laura) Church, born in Vt. Oct. 9, 1791. Married in Tayberg, N. Y., 1828, to Peter Slone.—M. C., Ill.
 - Q. 20. Wanted, information of parents of James David Wilson who came from vicinity of Chillicothe, Ohio, to Iroquois Co., Ill., before 1849. Wife was Eliza Jane Whetsel, probably b. in Penn. They are buried in Tuscola, Ill.—M.C., Ill.
 - Q. 21. Who were ancestor of Emiel Bass, born in Hope, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1805? —F.G., Wis.
 - Q. 22. Who were the ancestors of Jacob Shallus, b. (probably in Phila.) 1750, d. there May 18, 1798, married Elizabeth Melcher, 1771, had 8 children. Was in the Revolutionary War, and in the General Assembly of Penna. later. —E.W., Georgia.
 - Q. 23. Are there any persons in the U.S., or world, who can claim direct descent from any THOMPSON in New Jersey? Full history, spelling, business, wanted.—O.S.T., N. J.
 - Q. 24. Does anyone, living or dead, have my full name, Oscar Stanley Thompson III, or any combination thereof? Correspondence requested, with return postage, and, if possible, photograph. Oscar Stanley Thompson III, 38 Collinwood Road, Maplewood, N. J.
 - Q. 25. Wanted, data about ancestors of Chas. Hudson, b. near Troy, N. Y., 1820, and his wife, Elizabeth Chase Phillips, b. 1823 in Canada. They were married about 1939. —H.L., Indiana.
 - Q. 26. How many forms of spelling are there altogether of the name Thompson?—O.S.T.III., N. J.
 - R. 26. Bardsley, Gould, Barber, and other patronymic authorities, give Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson, Thompson, Thomson, Tomkins, Tomlins, Tompson, and Tomson. They are all "sons of some 'Thomas' or 'Tom'" but not of the same branch.—M.L.K.
- Request—Correspondence desired with descendants of Samuel, John, and Belden, or Belding, of Wethersfield, Conn., 1640. Compiling a genealogy. All correspondence answered. Maude Belden (Mrs. W. S.) Perry, Roseville, Calif.
- Request—Correspondence with any relative of Nancy Matilda Swearingen, Ohio, born 1837. —Ruth McBride, Granada Theatre, Spokane, Wash.

Crest Corner

Here is the first example of a "HOBBIES" reader who has made it financially easy for this department to reproduce a Coat-of-Arms—and he did not have that in mind when he

GENEALOGY and HERALDRY

WANTED—"The Moncrieff and Moncrieffes," "Athol Chronicles," "Earldom of Atholl," "Heraldry of the Fraser's."—Kenneth MacCallum, H3918 Jackson, Chicago, Ill. aul2993

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wrote, but had another purpose which we could turn in this direction. We thank him. At first we thought he was going to be a foe of this corner, because we omitted the name of his ancestor in the Nantucket throng when writing on the Coffin family, but now we know he is a friend. Perhaps you read his article in a previous issue of HOBBIES.

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From the Pacific coast one writes she is buying "HOBBIES" just for this department, yet it is so "meagre." She wants more space—we are getting that—it is material she really wants, and others want it too. Then write your particular want in the general source material line, and we will endeavor to supply it. But, also, try to do your part in answering queries.

NOTE 1. If you are searching for your ancestors, ask your librarian, if you have not already learned the way, to help you find the Coat-of-Arms registered for the family. Many times that illustrates, in an article, or lineage book, a special story giving you a clue.

NOTE 2. Some libraries do not keep their index books convenient for a searcher of records. If you are searching in New England, New York, etc., ask for Munsell's Index to American Genealogies, and Supplement, and for Jacobus' Index to Genealogical Periodicals. If in Virginia, ask for Swem's Index. If for English families, Marshall's Genealogist's Guide. These often give you references not found in the Library Card Index, which is of course the first help you should learn to use for source material.

FAMILY COATS-OF-ARMS



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Notes of the Annual Chicago Hobby Fair

AS usual when the Annual Chicago Hobby Fair opened at eleven o'clock on November 14 a large group was waiting at the gate. Of particular note was the large number from a distance who had come to make a week of it.

The old time costumes added considerable to the attractiveness of the show, and gave it a festive air. There were some splendid, fine, old dresses with their coloring beautifully preserved, and complete with all the lace, bustles, and other frills of yesterday. M. O. Hallock, an Ohio dealer, let his beard grow weeks for the occasion and came wearing a top hat after the fashion of the well dressed man of the Civil War days.

The prizes of \$100 for the first, and \$50 for the second best costumes, went respectively to Virginia New-

som and C. D. Marston, both Michigan dealers. Miss Newsom wore a costume depicting the Marie Antoinette period and Mr. Marston wore a colorful suit such as that worn by Count D'Orsay in Anthony Adverse (about 1830 period).

In the men's division H. T. Daniel, Hot Springs, Ark., was in second place with his colorful Indian costume in keeping with his exhibition of Indian relics. Andrew Michelson of Beloit, Wis., was third.

Mrs. Carl Campbell, Hoosier dealer, took second place with her Turkish costume and Mrs. Erwin Schenk, of the Way-Back When Costume Shop in Des Moines, Ia., modeled a gown of an opera singer of some sixty years ago.

Minna M. Schmidt, whose work in costumology has gained wide renown, and whose writings and lectures at the University of Chicago, have gained for her still greater prestige, judged the women's entries.

Donald O. Boudeman, museum curator of Kalamazoo, Mich., passed final judgment on the men's old time clothing.

The Crotty sisters of Rockford, Ill., occupied one booth thereby proving that avid collectors of dolls, buttons, and antique hatpins, can live harmoniously and happily in one household. During the week Marie, whose hobby is hatpins, was called to New York to appear on the Fels Naptha Hobby Lobby program. She was seen busily complying with requests for her autograph after her return to the Crotty booth.

The Insull jewels of the late utilities magnate which were shown in the booth of Mr. and Mrs. Bittle, jewelry dealers of Des Moines, Ia., attracted a continuous crowd from eleven to eleven.



Winners in the costume contest (Left to Right): Mrs. Carl Campbell, C. D. Marston (first, men's), Andrew Michelson, Virginia Newsom (first, women's) and Erwin Schenk.

The Oscar Wilde paperweights in the booth of A. Starr Best, Inc., Chicago, also drew many inquiries.

For the past few years the annual meeting of the National Petroleum Institute has been held at the Stevens Hotel simultaneously with the Hobby Show. Many of this group collect, and perhaps none is a more avid hobbyist than George Reid, Editor of The Refinery, who has written frequently of his collecting quests under the caption "Looking for Loot," in HOBBIES.

In the stamp section the two silver cups were awarded to C. A. Perz for his exhibition of foreign stamps, and to Julius M. Westphal for his U. S. frames.

Ribbon awards were also designated as follows:

Chicago Woman's Stamp Club—1st, 2nd and 3rd awards.

Ravenswood Philatelic Society—1st, 2nd and 3rd awards.

Progressive Philatelic Society—1st, 2nd and 3rd awards.

Ogden Hill Stamp Club—1st, 2nd and 3rd awards.

Mrs. Marie E. Massmann, Chicago—1st award.

Roosevelt Philatelic Society—1st, 2nd and 3rd award.

Commonwealth Edison Stamp Club—1st, 2nd and 3rd award.

Besides the club awards, individual ribbons were awarded as follows:

Airmails and Zepps: 1st, J. A. Adams; 2nd, P. F. Matthies; 3rd, Rhea Corcoran; 4th, B. Guzo.

First Days: 1st, P. F. Matthies; 2nd, Charles Henrich; 3rd, Rhea Corcoran; 4th, C. A. Perz.

Early U. S.: 1st, C. A. Perz; 2nd, P. F. Matthies; 3rd, Maxwell C. Chapman; 4th, R. W. Race (Confederates).

Navals: 1st, J. F. Koehl; 2nd, J. C. Gillespie; 3rd, H. Wilson; 4th, L. Groh.

Among the out-of-town collectors who attended in addition to the exhibitors were:

Mrs. B. H. Wheeler, dealer, and her son Charles B. Wheeler, bottle collector, both of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brain of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Brain collects miniature pictures and stamps and Mr. Brain collects stamps and coins.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hadfield, paperweight collectors of Biloxi, Miss.

Dr. S. B. Hirschberg, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman O. Zander, active members of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society and the Wisconsin Geological Society.

Mrs. Blas of Denver, Colorado, general collector.

Mayor Rollin H. Bunch, Indian relic collector, and Mrs. Bunch, col-

lector of antiques, of Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. H. A. Diamond, New York City.

Mrs. Otho Wiecker, dealer of Boston, Mass.

A. B. Johnson, Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. H. J. Smith, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McMillan, Ill.

Mrs. Fred Rote, Ill.

Mrs. R. G. Nelson, Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Allie Zimmer, San Diego, Calif.

Mary Ann Shikles, Kansas City, Mo., dealer.

Mrs. John Robbins, Wisconsin.

Dr. Alexander M. Rackus, curator of the Department of History, Vytauto D. Kultuzos Muziejus, Kaunas, Lithuania, an old friend of HOBBIES, sought out specimens that would be of historical interest to folks back in his homeland.

Mrs. L. N. Niccolls of the White Gables Antique Shop, Seattle, Wash.

M. L. Amstutz, Indiana.

Dr. Don Dickson, Lewistown, Ill.

Mrs. E. L. Dawson, Long Beach, Calif.

Henry W. Conrad, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mrs. E. L. Dawson, Long Beach, Calif.

W. Reichert, Moravia, N. Y.

R. A. Wiley, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. C. G. Baldwin, dealer, Lawrence, Mich.

George Schorr, button collector king of Cincinnati, and family.

Gilbert W. Dilley, Indian relic collector and Mrs. Dilley, doll collector, of Akron, Ohio.

Emma B. Kennedy, Okemah, Okla.

Mrs. Maria Burns, Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Balfour Miller, Director of Natchez Pilgrimage, Natchez, Miss.

Warren Buck, New Jersey.

Mr. O'Brien of O'Brien's Antique Shop, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. H. S. Dickinson, South Bend, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fraser, son and daughter of Joliet, Ill.

Marshall Gordon and Ben Nussbaum, Illinois.

Dr. A. W. Prendergast, wooden Indian collector of Illinois.

Marie Bauman, Davenport, Iowa.

John H. Kaiser, Illinois.

Mrs. James Clary, Syracuse, N. Y., who has a large goblet collection, was seen adding to her collection.

Dr. W. W. Carey, Fort Wayne, Ind.

J. Edward Vining, Vice-President of the Society of Philatelic Americans, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Vining.

Among other Kansas visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Costello.

Colleen Moore, Chicago and Hollywood.

Mrs. Chas. Mason, of Hancock, Mich., only antique dealer in upper Michigan.

Mrs. D. F. Mackay, Mt. Carroll, Ind.

Julia O'Donnell, Watseka, Ill.

Dr. Marshall, Gary, Indiana.

R. V. Baker, Springfield, Ill.

H. A. Washburn, M.D., and Mrs. Washburn, Indiana

Mrs. Charles Reddin, Manitowac, Wis.

Mrs. N. H. Gunderson who came from Oregon again this year shipped between 600 and 700 pieces of glass back home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reeder of Kansas City, Mo.

D. O. Boudeman, curator of archaeology for the Kalamazoo, Mich., Public Museum, and Mrs. Boudeman, doll collector came again this year, thus keeping their attendance record unbroken.

Bill, the Coin Man, who is known for his broadcasts over Radio Station WTRC, Elkhart, Ind., greeted old friends and new.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Messerschmidt, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ella C. Coats, Indianapolis, Ind.

L. L. Rush, Oregon, Ill.

Mrs. Robert F. Wallace, La Porte, Ind.

Chas. D. Thompson, Dundee, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Roller, Ill.

A. B. Johnson, Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. H. J. Smith, Earlville, Ill.

Mrs. Allie Zimmer, San Diego, Calif.

M. L. Amstutz, Harlan, Ind.

Mrs. Paul Tranger, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Ed. Shank, Centralia, Ill.

Mrs. L. P. Andrews, Michigan.

D. E. Yoder, Muscatine, Ia.

Reflecting the great interest in button collecting a National Button Society was formed at the show. Details are given on the button page of this issue. Mrs. K. L. Browne exhibited from her vast collection of 30,000; and Fred Ettinger and L. Erwina Couse, were among others who displayed interesting button collections.

Unfortunately in a show of this kind one does not begin to obtain a complete registration of out-of-town visitors, but the foregoing will serve as a birds-eye view of the visitors from far and near.

These brief notes can not begin to do justice to a week of hobby activities, but it may be reiterated that collectors came from almost every state in the Union and made a week of it. Perhaps, the allure may be best summed up in these words from Mrs. Erwin Schenk of Des Moines, who upon returning to her home wrote: :

"The Hobby Show of 1938 will always be a most impressive remembrance to me. People with hobbies are quite a distinct class, so I've found out. I like hobbyists and their outlook on life."

BUTTONS

Introducing

In this issue we launch HOBBIES new department for those enthusiasts, the button collectors. Working under the impetus of the successful formation of the National Button Society which was organized at the Chicago Hobby Show, this department looks forward to serving this collecting group.

National Button Society

The following officers were elected: President, George Schorr, Cincinnati, Ohio; Vice-President, Nellie Parker Van Buskirk, Columbus, Ohio; 2nd Vice President, Edna Crotty, Rockford, Ill.; Secretary and Treasurer, L. Erwina Couse, Saugerties, N. Y.; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Bell Hopkins, Chicago.

Board of Directors

Ruth Briggs, Rockford, Ill.; Helen Barndt, Wauwatosa, Wis.; Mrs. K. L. Browne, Kansas City, Kan.; Polly Crummett, Newtonville, Mass.; Mr. C. W. Morgan, Kalamazoo, Mich.

The following by-laws were drawn up and passed:

1 Formed to protect and further our hobby of collecting all kinds of garment buttons for pleasure and educational purposes.

2. The yearly dues shall be \$1 in advance payable on or before October 15 of each year. Subject to change by vote at the yearly meeting. Yearly meeting will be held each fall at the Chicago Hobby

show (members will be notified of exact time and place through the columns of HOBBIES Magazine).

3. Charter membership list of National Button Society will be held open until February 1, 1939. One dollar membership fee must be enclosed with application. Upon receipt of application and fee, each member will be furnished a list of all members.

4. All expenses incurred by the Society are to be paid out of membership fees.

Bell B. Hopkins, Assistant Secretary was proxy for Polly Crummett, director, who could not attend.

It was agreed at the meeting to have a large exhibit at the Chicago Hobby show next fall. Each member who wishes to may display one or two cards of their choicest buttons on uniform cards; information later as to where to acquire said cards. It was a most enjoyable meeting—both educational and humorous. Button fans are cordially invited to join.

—Secretary, L. Erwina Couse, R. D. #2, Saugerties, N. Y.

The Button Hobby

By WILLIS H. ROPES, *Essex Institute*

Probably nearly all ladies of yesterday had button bags, in which was put old buttons from varied sources.

The first collection which came to my notice, was made by Miss Eliza Messerve of Salem, Mass., who died in 1893 at the age of 87 years. She left over 7,000 buttons.

Her many friends, and her children, considered it a great treat to be shown the beautiful buttons, which she acquired during her long life. The collection was given to the Essex Institute, and for many years was stored in boxes, out of sight and mind.

A few years ago, having many empty trays in our coin cabinet, I began mounting the buttons on thin strips of pasteboard, using wooden shoe pegs of many sizes to put through the chanks and hold them securely, and allow change if needed. Miss Messerve had mounted some on a piece of heavy cardboard, with the aid of copper wire.

There are sixty trays of dress buttons in the Messerve collection now housed in our coin cabinet. There are seven swinging frames, containing 1560 military uniform buttons of the United States and other countries, each one described with many plates

in the Emilio book. In the corridor, are shown about 400 early historic buttons on cards, and sets of types of buttons of most of the countries, which took part in the World War.

Buttonisms

By MRS. POLLY CRUMMETT

In early times when one wanted to get rid of his political enemy, one effective method was the use of a poison button, a button which was made with a sharp head, attached to which was a small phial of poison. A scratch, made by rubbing against his victim would be all that was necessary to insure the desired riddance.

—O—

Cooper Union Museum in New York City has an interesting collection of French costume buttons of the 18th century.

—O—

One lumber company paid its woods crews in buttons which were redeemable at the company store.

—O—

We have always thought that the Greek costume was a wrap-around affair, requiring no buttons, but one illustration recently seen, shows a large button on the right shoulder.

—O—

It is generally thought that calico buttons were used on cotton dresses only, but three men have recently stated that they wore shirts, in by-gone years, which fastened with this same type of button. Naturally enough, when shirt making was done at home, you can readily see that this could be true.

—O—

The British Army buttons were numbered in 1768 and the French in 1762.

—O—

Buttons showing heads and complete figure of animals were called "Sporting Buttons" and date from the early 19th century.

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Bruce E. McMullin, left, is presenting Clair B. Hull, manager of Radio Station W.D.Z., with a mustache cup.

Broadcasting Finds Many Antiques

RADIO station WDZ, Tuscola, Ill., has had an antique program on the air weekly since May 5, 1938. This program which is usually of a dramatic type, is called "Antiques In The Attic," by the Old Fossil. It is written and produced by Bruce E. McMullin, antique dealer. Almost all of the fan mail received, says McMullin, tells of the wonderful old articles that they would like to sell. Then the Old Fossil tracks them down but he says he has never been able to buy one of them.

Such a program is not without its humor and pathos. One party who had heard the broadcasts drove many miles to sell a small table model Regina for seventy-five dollars. He had traded a cultivator for it and expected that amount or more. On the longest drive the Old Fossil made tracking over antiques he found a great amount of glass and furniture,

two music boxes and a walnut loom. The persons interviewed wanted four hundred dollars for the loom.

This picture was taken during the third broadcast by the Old Fossil. The Old Fossil (left) is presenting Clair B. Hull (manager of WDZ) with a mustache cup. It is a gift that Mr. Hull could use to a good advantage. The episode brought a lot of cheers and laughter from the people standing outside the studio windows as well as from the many listeners throughout the midwest. So radio finds lots of antiques in hiding that can't be bought, and some that can, and also brings many prospective customers from great distances to see what they might find for their collection. The Old Fossil seems quite proud in presenting this program over WDZ, which is the third oldest station in U. S. A.

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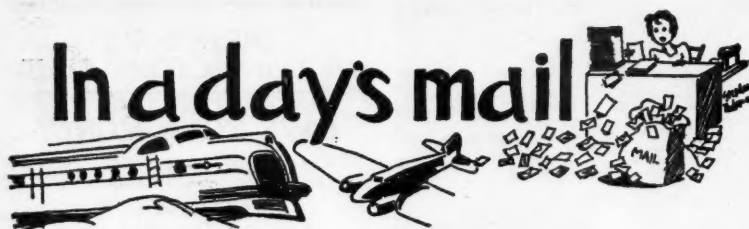
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Don't Mention It

California—Thank you for such a delightful magazine. —Norah Buckalew.

Should Be in Every Home

Oklahoma—I enjoy your magazine more than any other and feel that every city newspaper should carry an article describing it. Too few people know about HOBBIES. It should be in every home. —Esther Manar.

That's A New One

Ohio—Enclosed find \$2 as subscription to your Educational Educator—HOBBIES for the year 1939. —Thomas Donkin.

Good Buying Medium

Wisconsin—HOBBIES is not only a joy but an asset as well in buying genuine old antiques. —Kay F. Erwin.

They Go For Family Trees

California—Your department "At The Sign Of The Crest" conducted by Mabel Louise Keech is a splendid addition to your fine magazine and will be much appreciated by many Genealogical-minded subscribers. I am sure genealogy is one of the hobbies of a large percentage of those also interested in glass and antiques (like myself). —Maude Belden Perry.

Do Yuh Mean That?

Wisconsin—I do enjoy HOBBIES so much and it has helped me more than I can tell you. "It's worth it's weight in gold." No foolin'! —Mrs. Lawrence T. Hoyt.

Watch May Issue

Pennsylvania—Enclosed find \$2 for which please send me the 1939 HOBBIES. I am very proud of this magazine, but am sorry it does not have more material on historic house museums. Perhaps later some will be pictured and described. —Melvin Good.

Hope They Take It

New Jersey—I happened to come across January and February 1938 copies of HOBBIES in a second hand book store the other day. I have read them both from cover to cover and can truthfully say that I have never enjoyed a magazine so much before. I have dropped a hint to the family for a subscription for Xmas. —Frances Walton.

Think So?

Illinois—Please find enclosed renewal. HOBBIES gets better all the time. —Mrs. R. A. Sullivan.

Historical Records

Illinois—I find the hobby of collecting phonograph records very interesting, and your pages devoted to the subject, very much so. It is on account of these articles that I recently subscribed to your magazine. —George Oman.

No More Borrowing

Virginia—I am enclosing check for \$2. Through the kindness of a friend, I had the pleasure of reading HOBBIES for two years, and I've never read a more interesting magazine. —Miss Sadelen White.

Good Results

Wisconsin—Have received such very good results from my ad in your Swappers section that I must ask you to change it as I have run out of stock. —E. J. Hoffmann.

No More Renting

Ohio—Enclosed you will find subscription. In the past I have rented this magazine from the library, but I wish to have the old copies for reference. The September issue made me decide. —Winifred Mullaney.

It's The Upkeep That Counts

Missouri—I long ago discovered that the cost of HOBBIES is not the original price of \$2 a year but the large upkeep, since I can't resist answering your ads. —Lena Williams.

Most Interesting Of All

Arizona—Enclosed find my check for renewal. I have been a subscriber since 1932. Would not know how to get along without HOBBIES—It is most interesting of all my magazines. —Mrs. C. L. Cummings.

Good Ole Hob.

Rhode Island—I enclose another year's subscription to the good old HOBBIES. —Oscar J. Tyler.

A Grand Old Rag

California—Will you please accept my subscription? Newsstand cannot supply me regularly. We just must have HOBBIES. It's a grand publication. —B. M. Cronkrite.

The Endless Chain

Illinois—We certainly enjoy HOBBIES, but why not? We not only collect stamps, but coins and knick-knacks. I also have nearly 5,000 postcards, a collection started long before stamps. All the friends we took to the Chicago Hobby Shows in past years now bring friends of their own. They would not miss it for any price. No matter who goes, from young to old, he finds something to enjoy. —Marie Massman.

What Will It Be?

New York—If more editors would treat the parasites on relief and W.P.A. like you treated the "Professor" who asked for free HOBBIES, we would all be better off. So many of this class will never again seek work so long as the government supplies money, free medical attendance, clothes, amusement, etc., to them. Here in Brooklyn, many go to their P.W.A. jobs in their own autos, the women go to beauty parlors, the able bodied ones send their wash to the laundry and a large percentage of the men won't even accept a P.W.A. job. With Hopkins telling us that "relief" has come to stay and the "King" rolling up a national deficit exceeding all records, what will the harvest be? —Geo. J. Beyer.

Tremendous, Stupendous, Colossal!

New Jersey—The response from my Christmas ad has been tremendous. —Betty H. Lippincott.

One Gets Another

Iowa—Enclosed find check for \$2 for which please send me HOBBIES for the next twelve months. Just can't get along any longer without HOBBIES. It sure is the biggest and best magazine for collectors that I ever had and The Publisher's Page is one of the pages that I turn to first when I get my copy. It hits the nail on the head every time. I showed HOBBIES to some of my friends, and they asked me where they could get it. —A. E. Thiessen.

Best Gift

Tennessee—I know of no better gift to give a friend than a subscription to your magazine. I have been a regular subscriber now for four years and find back numbers to be very valuable for reference as well as the current issues. —Dewey Whitenton.

Much Pleased

Kansas—Would also like for you to know, that I am much pleased with your magazine. It is very good for collectors. —W. G. Nussbeck.

Pound Cake and Ice Cream

Tennessee—I kept looking for my last number of HOBBIES, and didn't wake up to the fact that my subscription had expired until I received your letter on the third. My goodness, man, I would rather do without my pound cake and ice cream for dessert than to do without HOBBIES, so here is my \$2 for another year. Start with the number that was published November 15 please as I do not want to miss a single issue. Thank you! —B. S. Williams.

Most Interesting

Connecticut—Please continue my subscription to the most interesting magazine that reaches my reading table—HOBBIES—for the year, 1939. —George C. Allen.

He Gives Up

Kansas—Please put me back on the mailing list for a year. I thought I could get along without HOBBIES when you raised the price to \$2 but I'll have to give in and send my check. —John B. Goff.

Makes Good Contacts

Michigan—We have found articles in HOBBIES, educational, entertaining, and a real source of general information for all hobbyists. We have contacted many good customers through our advertisement. —The Trading Post.

Grandest Ever!

Maine—Have had a great many inquiries and quite a bit of business from my ad in HOBBIES, and think it the grandest magazine ever. —D. Deming Spence.

A Typical Lightner Trade

Massachusetts—In reading the November HOBBIES I see that you collect old scrap books. I immediately set out to find you one to return my thanks for the button you so kindly sent me some time ago. This scrap book did not belong to my family or to any one I know. I think it must be all of fifty years old. I hope you will get the thrill out of receiving it that I did your button. I am also enclosing a list and money order for a number of subscriptions to HOBBIES. These are to be Christmas presents. I know of nothing else that will bring more joy and happiness at Christmas and the whole year to follow than your magazine. Yours for lots more scrap books. —Mrs. Percy D. Rowe. (P. S. Now maybe I can keep my copy long enough to read it through.)

Gets Her A Hobby

New York—When I first subscribed for your magazine as a Christmas gift for my husband, I had no hobby, but now I am interested in collecting pitchers. —Mrs. B. N. Bailey.



The Publisher's Page

THIS month we add a new department to HOBBIES that will be a permanent feature and are sure it will meet an enthusiastic response from our readers. It will cover the field of button collecting, a fad that is sweeping the country. Some very prominent men and women are making it an absorbing hobby. It is interesting to note that there are three different collections in the Essex Institute Museum, Salem, Massachusetts: The great Messerve collection of 6,000; the Emilio collection of military buttons; and another of unusual costume buttons. The button collectors organized at the recent Chicago Antiques Exposition and already have a membership of several hundred. One of their members has invented an attractive mounting system where the buttons are compiled in loose-leaf albums so that they can be kept attractively on bookshelves like a stamp or coin collection. We believe this system will become standard which will be of great help to collectors. There is as much art and design in buttons as there is in stamps. There is as much history in them and the hobby is equally as intriguing.

Missing from this issue is the familiar contribution of D. W. Hering, late curator of the James Arthur collection at New York University. Mr. Hering, died last year in his eighty-second year. He maintained a keen interest in his hobby of clocks up until the time of his death.

The last check we got from American News for the September issue showed 20% returns. Publishers consider that mighty good. However, we believe HOBBIES broke the record since that time. The news company informs us that they have sold clean out of October, November and December, and after the show we dug up another 1,000 of that issue to let them have. Of course, circulation is carried at a loss. We do not net enough on sales to pay the expense of publishing. The advertising has to bear its share. If we could get some national advertising so that it would balance the circulation, we could easily run our sales to 100,000 copies.

Sometime ago a national agency offered us whiskey and cigaret advertising. We could sell our covers for \$350 a page and we admit it has been some temptation to us. At the same time we feared that a percentage of our readers might resent the intrusion of this copy. We feared we might lose more than we would gain. What reaction do we hear from our readers? Should we take it?

At this time of year Christmas subscriptions pour in. Gift subscriptions increase from year to year for the reason that people have found them appreciated from month to month. It is a source of pleasure to the giver to be thanked at different times through the year for remembering with such a gift that brings a monthly round of pleasure. If you have collector friends you wish to remember, send them HOBBIES and know that they will return kindly thoughts twelve times a year.

This issue being our Annual Clock and Timepiece Number is the proper place for announcement of the special clock display in the next Chicago Antiques Exposition & Hobby Show. We are sure that this feature will lend itself to publicize the show and attract new visitors. Anybody is welcome to enter an antique clock or as many as they wish. The exhibit will be open to dealers, collectors and the general public. There will be a very nominal entry fee and if the clock is sold, a commission can be paid to the concessionaire who looks after the exhibit. We expect to gather together several hundred clocks probably no two alike. It ought to be a very attractive section of the show. These clocks should be in running order but not necessarily, if they are exceptional. No late clocks will be exhibited. They must be antique. We believe this exhibit will attract practically all of the three to four hundred important clock collectors of the country. We were pleased to meet Henry W. Conrad, an Indiana banker who collects clocks, at the show, and he went to the trouble to write us how much he enjoyed it after his return home and has promised to attend next year.

Andrew Emerine, Ohio toy bank collector, sends the following bit of philosophy clipped from a newspaper: "An antique is something no one would be seen with if there were more of them, but which everyone wants when no one else has any." Aint it so?

The Chicago Antiques Exposition & Hobby Show which is just over, exceeded previous attendance marks by thirty percent. It capped all records for business done. Attendance from out of the city grows from year to year. Once a collector comes he catches the fascination of this glamorous event. The show already exceeds the most extravagant dreams for it at its inception. With the plans for new features, next year's show will be the most alluring of all.

Historical Stones

Indian history will also be represented in the wall of historic stones in HOBBIES museum. George O. Mehl has forwarded a stone from the precipice of Minnehaha Falls in Minnesota.

Katherine Lopez, Glendo, Wyo., has sent us a piece of stone from Old Fort Laramie found in the ruins of one of the officer's building.

From Julia Baynes, a Texas reader, comes a stone from old Fort Belknap, located northwest of Graham, Tex. This fort was a guardian outpost of the frontier in Indian days. A replica now occupies the site of the old fort.

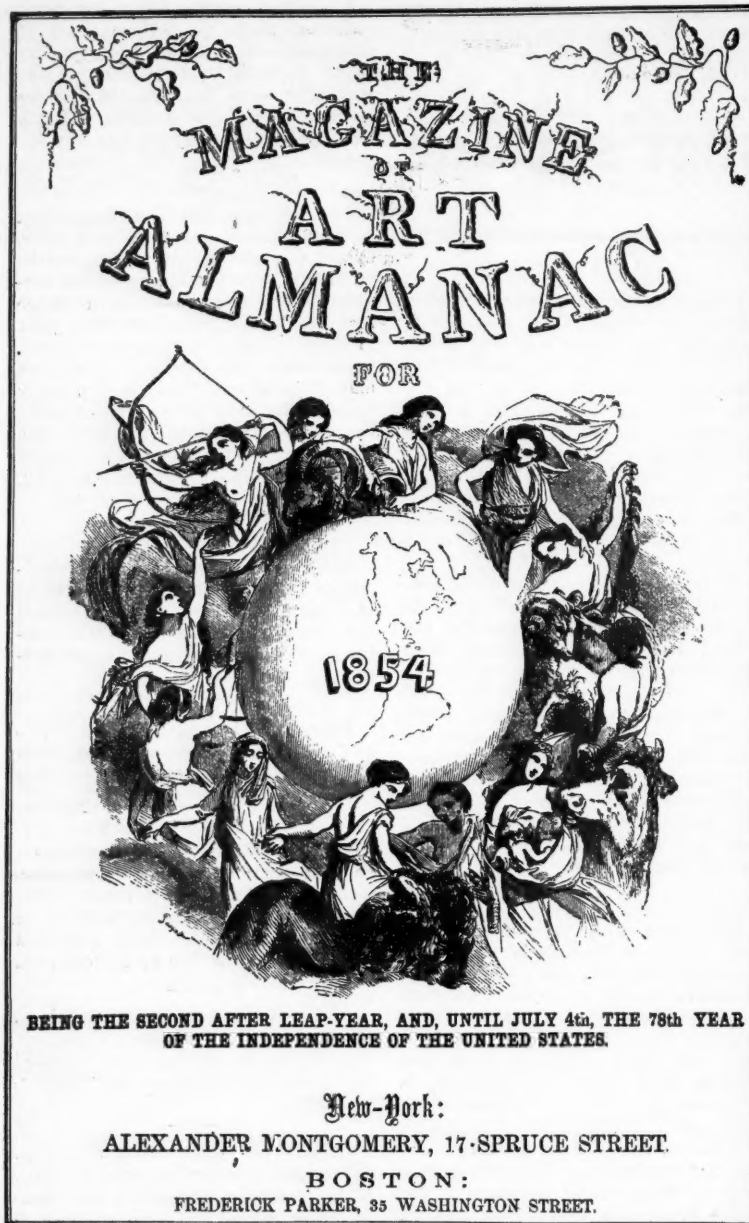
Philip H. Messerschmidt and J. C. Corcoran of the Alabastine Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., have supplied an interesting specimen of "Alabastine rock."

H. A. Washburn, M.D., and Mrs. Washburn, Hoosier collectors, called at the Antiques Exposition and Hobby Show during the week of November 14 to 19, and left a piece of slate (grave marker) from "Copp's Burial Ground," Boston, for the wall of historical stones. This slate was shipped to this country from Wales in 1787.

Cover

The cover of this issue was designed by William C. Duncan, Chicago clock collector and commercial photographer.

W. C. Duncan



AN OLD ALMANAC

By REVAH SUMMERSGILL and JEAN PENNOCK ALLEN

THE other day, an old almanac came into my hands. Printed in the year 1854, it is adorned with intricate borders and flowing figures of the fates. It is not overburdened with modesty, but it really does contain much of interest.

The first page tells of amazing progress made by English almanacs, one in particular, that has made "Poor Richard's Almanac . . . like an ill-starred bairn beside its more

prosperous relatives", that in it "taste and science unite" and so on and on in praise. It ends its foreword by saying that, even as the English almanac is now supreme and superior, "The Illustrated Almanac" (itself) is also "such a calendar, and such a depository of pleasing incidents and useful facts, in every department of nature and art."

At the time it was printed, another Franklin was President—Franklin

Pierce. His salary was \$25,000.00 and his Secretary of War was Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi!

The United States then included thirty-one states and six territories. The Indian Census returns were as follows: there were 418,000 Indians, 30,000 of whom lived in unexplored Territories. "Some were civilized." In 1930, there were about 330,000 Indians in the country.

The old Anglo-Saxon Calendar is discussed at length. There is a cut for each month, showing the Saxons engaged in some typical labor or pleasure-making pursuit. These are the ancient names of the months:

January—"Wolf-month", because the wolves were then most ravenous. It was also called "Aefter-Yula", or after Christmas.

February—"Cake-month" in allusion to the cakes which, in this month the Saxons were in the habit of offering to their gods. The well-known custom of making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday is a remnant of the old superstition.

March—dedicated to the goddess Rhoeda, called "Rhed-monath". Also called "Illyd-monath", or the stormy month. After the introduction of Christianity, March was held in great reverence as the month when Lent began.

April—month of the goddess Eustre. Chairs and sofas were then unknown. The benches in the festal halls were called eale-benc—ale benches.

May—"Trimilki", because then they began to milk the kine three times a day. May-day was their great rural festival.

June—"Weyd-monath" according to some, "because then the cattle began to weyd (wade) through the meadows. According to others, "Midsummer-month".

July—"Hen-monath", or foliage month. Also "Hey-monath" or hay month, being the month in which they made hay. They also called it "Lida-aftera", meaning the second Lida, or the second month after the sun's descent.

August—"Arn-monath", or "Barn-monath", meaning harvest.

September—"Gerst-monath"—barley month. This was also the great month for field sports.

October—"Cold month" or "Wyn-monath"—wine month.

November—"Blod-monath", blood month because then a great many cattle were killed for winter stores or for sacrifices.

December—"Fust-monath", also "Winter-monath", and after the introduction of Christianity, "Heilig-monath", or holy month. Before Christianity, Christmas was the feast of Thor, but it has been at all times a season of happy meetings and social pleasures.

The Circulation GIRL SAYS:



I am the circulation girl, but I don't work in this dress. This is the one you saw me wear when I sold tickets at the recent Chicago Hobby show. This dress came from an old Chicago family and was made for presentation at the Court of St. James 50 years ago. I understand it cost \$800.

I was in the costume parade and when the judges were pulling out eight of the best for final selection they picked me, but Mr. Lightner shoved me back explaining: "She is not eligible, she is one of my office girls."

Gee, was I disappointed!

My job is to see that you get your magazine.

At this time of year my department is very busy and we always have to have extra help. Not only do we handle thousands of subscriptions from libraries and public institutions, most all of which are on a fiscal year basis, expiring in December, but we have the big rush for Christmas Gift subscriptions.

Yet with the thousands of names that go through our hands there are comparatively few complaints. What complaints there are mostly arise from people moving and failing to notify us of their change of address. The post office will not forward second-class mail matter without additional postage and they hold your magazine until they notify you that the additional postage must be sent. Naturally you do not know what they are holding for you, and after you send stamps and they forward the magazine to you, then you remember that you forgot.

Another thing, many of our readers are wealthy people and they travel. They do not get our notices of expiration. It is a policy with our company not to continue subscriptions after expiration because that is ob-

jectionable to many people. It is peculiar in our work here to find that some think it is a reflection on their credit because we do not keep sending it, and if we did, some would write us a sarcastic letter intimating that we were trying to put something over by continuing their subscription after the period they had ordered it. If you will watch the expiration dates on the wrapper of your magazine, it will be an aid to you in keeping in mind the month of your expiration so that you can keep your subscription promptly renewed and not miss any copies. Our boss likes efficient work and naturally it is more pleasing for us when there are no complaints.

Next month I am going to tell you how many gift subscriptions we received and try to keep in touch with all the readers personally through this column. If any of you want to write to me, I will be very glad to hear from you.—

Florence Flakus

PRINTING & PERIODICALS IN COLONIAL AMERICA

(Continued from page 111)

Zenger did much to establish the freedom of the press in America.

The first newspaper in Maryland was issued at Annapolis by William Parks in 1728. It was also a gazette. Evidently this publication was discontinued for Frank B. Mayer in "Old Maryland Manners" writes as follows: "The seventeenth of January, in the year of grace 1745, on a Thursday, "The Maryland Gazette" appeared, not a foot square and published weekly, by Jonas Greene, post-master, at his printing-office in Charles Street, and containing the freshest advices, foreign and domestic."

"The Barbadoes Gazette" was issued at Barbadoes in 1731 by Samuel Keimer. He had started the "Pennsylvania Gazette" in December 1728. In the following year Benjamin Franklin became part owner, and later Keimer in search of new territory went to Barbadoes. In 1732, the "South Carolina Gazette" was issued at Charleston. This was the first newspaper issued south of the Potomac. In the same year "The Rhode Island Gazette" was established in Rhode Island by James Franklin and in this year "Poor Richard's Almanac" was issued by Benjamin Franklin.

"The Virginia Gazette" was issued at Williamsburg in 1736. In 1741, Benjamin Franklin published the first literary magazine in America. This was the "General Magazine and Historical Chronicle". It did not show all the marks of Dr. Franklin's later ability and lived but six months. In the same year, 1741, Webbe

founded the "American Magazine", which was still less successful than Franklin's venture. "The Pennsylvania Journal", edited by William Bradford III, was established at Philadelphia in 1742 and disputed the supremacy of Franklin's "Pennsylvania Gazette."

Luther's German Bible was reprinted in 1743 by Christopher Sower, a type-founder at Germantown, Pa. "Directions How to Dress Any Common Dish" was the title of the first American cook book published at Boston in 1747. The first city directory to be published in America came from a Baltimore press in 1752. In the same year Kneeland and Green of Boston published the Bible for the first time in English on an American press. In 1755 a German printing press was set up at Philadelphia by the London Society of Religious Knowledge.

In Boston, in 1743, "The American Magazine and Historical Chronicle"—which it will be noted assumed a name compounded from those of its American predecessors—began a short life. Another attempt at magazine publication was started at Woodbridge, N. J., in 1758, under the name of "The New American Magazine".

In 1760, the first printing in Texas was begun by the Spaniards. "The Connecticut Gazette" was issued at New Haven in 1755; "The North Carolina Gazette" at New Bern in the same year; "The New Hampshire Gazette" at Portsmouth in the following year, and "The Wilmington Chronicle" in Delaware in 1762.

"The Hartford Courant", which began as "The Connecticut Courant" is the oldest newspaper in continuous publication in this country. It was established at Hartford in 1764 by Thomas Green. It was not until the latter part of the year 1777 that a newspaper was published in New Jersey. In that year Isaac Collins established his "New Jersey Gazette" at Burlington.

The "Boston Gazette", the third paper of that name, established in 1755 was the "pet of the patriots" and Samuel Adams and Joseph Warren were among its contributors. "The Massachusetts Spy", founded in Boston in 1770, moved to Worcester, Mass., when the revolution began, and rendered service to the Colonies under the editorship of Isaiah Thomas.

The first daily newspaper was the "Pennsylvania Packet, or General Advertiser," published by John Dunlap, in 1784. It was afterwards called "Poulson's Daily General Advertiser." The number of newspapers in the North American colonies in 1775 was only thirty-four with a total weekly circulation of \$5,000 copies.

MATCH LABELS

Blue Moon Club News and Notes

By M. A. RICHARDSON

NEW American labels are: "D.T. & C.", a wrapper by the Federal Co. "Mike" wrapper by Federal. "Natural" wrapper by Federal. "Herrington Lake" wrapper by Federal.

Readers of this page are respectfully asked to get in touch with the secretary if you have old time pioneer match boxes, or the labels therefrom. The old issues with revenue stamp attached are especially desired and the secretary is open to buy or exchange for them to add to our collection.

Probably the Nurseryland set of Sweden is the hardest of all match label in sets to complete, as there are sixty different labels in the set, thirty of which were on the top of the penny boxes, and thirty on the bottom side. No doubt, within a few years this set will command a very handsome price, for at the present time it is quoted at \$30. I have received for inspection an old paste-

board label of Swift and Courtney Company after the Diamond Match Company had taken them over. I have seen several of the Swift and Courtney, and the Swift, Courtney and Beecher Company in label or wrapper form, but this is the first pasteboard label of theirs I have seen.

There is no better time to start collecting match labels than now, as most all known brands of labels throughout the whole world have been tabulated, and label prices are as a whole much lower than a year ago, due to the fact that many large collections were thrown on the market by owners who had lost their jobs or were forced to sell through illness. Of course, we feel sorry for those who had to sacrifice, but one man's loss is always another's gain, and so it goes.

Probably there are more collectors of booklet covers at present, than of match labels, BUT the big difference is value, of course. A collection of real rare labels brought \$800 in London last month. To think, I was offered a bushel basket of booklet covers, used, mint and sets if I would pay the postage on them. Moral—use your own good judgment. "It pays."

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Fighting Governor. By John M. Holzworth. Published by the Pointer Press, Chicago.

This is the story of William Langer and the State of North Dakota, as viewed by John M. Holzworth who is peculiarly fitted to tell the story of the Fighting Governor. Langer and Holzworth were classmates at Columbia University. The pair remained fast friends through the years, although they seldom saw each other. Holzworth has been a liberal and a maverick in politics since he first entered public life. He received a battered nose, which he still carries despite several operations, investigating Tammany election swindles in the early 1900's.

This department has enjoyed reading this well told story of the epic events of two decades in North Dakota.

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The American Road (addresses by Herbert Hoover—1933 to 1938). 85c. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

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These addresses have been acclaimed by the press and public as outstanding criticism and constructive alternatives during our times on our great public questions. The addresses have been collected and carefully indexed by special subjects so as to make them more generally accessible.

Sundials (How to Know, Use, and Make Them). By R. Newton and Margaret L. Mayall. \$2. Published by Hale, Cushman and Flint, Boston.

Did you know that a dial made for Boston will show a difference of twelve minutes, Eastern Standard Time, if used in New York City? With the help of this volume, plus ordinary drawing materials and the tools one finds in the average home, it is said that anyone can design and build the exact dial to suit his own needs on almost any surface and in any position.

The collector will be most interested, no doubt, in the data on historical dials of the world and their illustrations.

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Handstruck Postage Stamps of the Empire (1680-1900). By Robson Lowe, London.

This is the second edition of this priced catalog. Its more than 300 pages are fully illustrated and the extensive material is adequately indexed to facilitate its use as a reference work.

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High Iron (A Book of Trains). By Lucius Beebe. \$5. D. Appleton-Century Company, New York.

A fine record in prose and pictures of some of the most outstanding aspects of the most heroic of American sagas, the legend of railroading.

MATCH BOX LABELS

(See Mart for Rates)

MATCH BOOKS LOOK best mounted in Matchless Albums, with paste. The new Standard Album is a dandy, holds 250 "standards," only 75c, prepaid. The Master Album for mixed sizes holds 450, is \$2.—Matchless Album Co., Box 120 Grand Central P. O., New York, N. Y. mh120041

COLLECT MATCH COVERS—A new, fascinating, inexpensive hobby. 40 assorted covers in good condition, 25 cents. Different sets available. Handsome match cover album, \$1.20 prepaid. Covers can be mounted quickly without using paste.—Box 33, Sta. "P", N. Y. C. ap120041

ENLARGED "Match Pack Notes," foremost exponent match hobby. Copy ten cents. Gives names, addresses, buyers, sellers.—Match Pack Notes, 1613 Fillmore St., San Francisco, Calif. ja12384

MATCH BOOK COVERS, 100 mixed \$1.00; 500 for \$4.00; 1000 for \$7.00.—Oregon Hobby Club, 240-6 North Commercial St., Salem, Oregon. my6024

ORIENTAL MATCH BOX LABELS—Japan, China and Manchukuo. All different. 500 68c, 1,000 \$1.35, 2,000 \$2.85, 5,000 \$6.85, 10,000 \$23.00. Satisfaction guaranteed. 2 Bank bills or stamps accepted. List free with 50 different labels for 10c postage. Ichiro Yoshida, 3600 Meijiro, Tokio, Japan. n120741

UNUSED MATCH BOOK COVERS—100 all different \$1.00. 35 Roy's Flash covers \$1.00. Free list.—Charles Edelman, 1311A East 84, Cleveland, Ohio. ja1011

The book portrays the grandeur and romance of steam and steel and speed from "the time of the first mile a minute run by the Antelope in 1848 to the ultimate luxury of private suites aboard the *Super Chief* whose working schedule calls for clipping off the New Mexico miles at a hundred and ten to the hour." It is splendidly illustrated.

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Visitors

Among out of town readers who stopped at HOBBIES office last month were: Mrs. R. H. Dunlap, South Dakota; Mrs. T. E. Blanchard, Mrs. L. E. Couse, and George McKearin, New York State.

Miscellaneous Collector's Items

Received from Mrs. Percy D. Rowe, a Massachusetts reader, an interesting old scrapbook, among other things, containing beautiful old advertising cards.

C. E. Morris, Berkeley, Calif., has favored us with a first day cover from the new Albany, Calif., post office.

Wilmer F. Sims, business manager of the Will Rogers-Wiley Post Memorial Expedition, which was recently completed has sent us two covers mailed from Barrow, Alaska, on August 15.

WHITE Bison

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lodge. Circle after circle of men, women, and children formed outside, and a great circle of fires also was formed about the lodge. All eyes were on the beautiful woman. She said: "I have taken pity on you and brought you four things which will be good for you—tobacco, a red robe, a white shield, and a war bonnet of eagle feather. And I have also brought you this sacred pipe which will tell you by its increased weight when the buffalo are near and plenty."

She then presented the pipe to the chief medicine man of the Sioux, accompanied by much good advice. And at once, from the very midst of the fires and the people, she mysteriously vanished from sight.

This holy pipe, which has been handed down from father to son for many generations, is kept carefully wrapped up and few are allowed to see it. The beautiful woman was the white buffalo who took that shape to give the Sioux this pipe. The first use the Sioux made of it was to move in a large circle. No animal could cross the magic line thus made, and seven Crow Indians, happening to be within the circle, were killed with the rest of the game. An ear from one of these enemies was cut off and glued onto the stem of the pipe.

References by early explorers to the white bison are few and widely scattered. It is believed that Juan Onate who explored East Texas in 1601 is the first white man to make mention of the white bison. Onate, in mentioning the herds of bison he saw in the country says that "all these cattle are of one color, namely brown, and it was a great marvel to see a white bull in such a multitude." Alexander Mackenzie was told of the existence of white bison by the Indians, when exploring north of the Peace River in 1789. Alexander Henry describes the sacrifice of a white bison hide which he observed here when among the Mandan and Hidatsa in 1806. The employees of the American Fur Company observed a white buffalo hide offered in the Medicine Lodge of the Piegan tribe of Blackfoot Indians in 1832, and tried to obtain it, but were unable to do so.

White bison, though scarce, are like white elephants. They are easily traced because of their scarcity, and because they have a hearty appetite for hay are not to be recommended as pets.

Correction

In our October issue the statement was made that the Hartford Museum had strings of buttons. These buttons are located in the State Capitol Building at Hartford.

Collectors and Dealers
Reference Directory

\$5 a year for four lines

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BOOKS

Lewins Curiosity Shop, Centerville, Pa. Books all kinds. Bought and sold. No fancy prices. You save money here. Free listing service. jly93

"Legends of The Long House," written and ill. (30) by Jesse Cornplanter, a Seneca. Pub. by J. B. Lippincott. Autographed copies \$2.00. Mrs. Walter Henricks, Penn Yan, N. Y. s93

BOTTLES

Gardner, Chas. B., Box 27, New London, Conn. Buys flasks, documents, advertisements and pictures from Early American Glass Works. mh93

CHINESE PEWTER

Honcan Bough, 1313 Sixth Avenue, New York. Sells old Chinese Pewter Wares. mh93

CIGAR BANDS

International Cigar Band Society, J. B. Lennon, 536 W. 115th St., Chicago, Ill. Popular worthwhile hobby. Exchange with outstanding collectors. je93

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Idle Hour Curio Shop, 433 Main, Norfolk, Va. Buys, sells, oddities, unusuals, antiques, offers. s93

DOLL HOSPITALS

Humpty Dumpty Doll Hospital, Redondo Beach, Calif., invites correspondence. Visitors welcome. Emma C. Clear, "Dean of American Doll Doctors." my93

FIREARMS

Boffin, J. & I., 514 N. State St., Chicago, Ill. Antique Firearms for sale and wanted. jly93
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(See Antiques Department for Antique Dealers' Listing)

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Holiday Greetings! Express them with a gift of "Indian Map, New York State, 24"x18", colored. Arranged by Arthur C. Parker. Order from Mrs. Walter A. Henricks, Penn Yan, N. Y. \$1. ea. s93

NUMISMATICS

Bolender, M. H., Orangeville, Illinois. Dealer. Holds large auction sales. my93
Koeppel, S. M., Merritt Building, 8th at Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. All series U. S. coins, also California and Pioneer Territorial Gold. au93
Lee, Ed. M. & Kenneth W., 623 Security Bldg., Glendale, Calif. General Numismatic material. ja93
New Netherlands Coin Co., 95 5th Ave., New York, N. Y. Coins for every type collection. d93

POSTCARDS

Gummer, William G., 128 Myddelton Road, Hurnsey, N. 8, London, England. Worldwide postcards. Samples 10c. State preference. ja93
Post Card Collectors Club of America, membership \$1.00, 809 Public Service Building, Kansas City, Mo. au93
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PRINTING

Atlas Business Card Co., 1514 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 2,000 business cards, neatly printed, \$1.50. f93
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Mason, Kenneth, 2023 Lee St., Fort Meyers, Fla., South Florida Sea Shells. Souvenirs, Curios. List of Shells, Curios, 6 cents. au93

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WANTED—Defaulted Bonds, Stock Certificates, old daggers, swords, medals, antique pipes, watches, binoculars, field glasses, microscopes, etc. Describe and quote prices. — J. Settel, 24 Crosby Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. ap6672

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DIME NICKEL NOVELS—Beadles, Tousey, Munro, others.—Bargain, 1825 W. 13th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. f12513

WANT Locomotive Builders Catalogs, Railroadiana, Railroad Relics. Send for our want list.—Hardy's Bookstore, 915 Broadway, Oakland, Calif.

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CAMEO GLASS—Perfect pieces only.—Schwarz, 1225 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N. J. s12252

WANTED—Autographed Free Franked Envelopes, signers, continental congress, presidents, widows, Presidential bank checks, presidential ribbon badges.—Edward Stern, 87 Nassau St., New York, N. Y. mh6003

WANTED—Photographs or prints of locomotives, street cars, steamboats, baseball or football teams or players, boxers, wrestlers, before 1900; photographs or prints of airplanes or automobiles or automobile catalogs before 1910; illustrated catalogs of any kind before 1890; Police Gazette, Harper's or Leslie's Weekly before 1900.—W. Johnson, 244 N. 11th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. f2423

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FOR SALE: English figurines, Jug collection, paperweights, newspapers, Fashion Magazines, Southern Books, Law, Medicine.—Ethel Holsinger, 1017 Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia. ja1001

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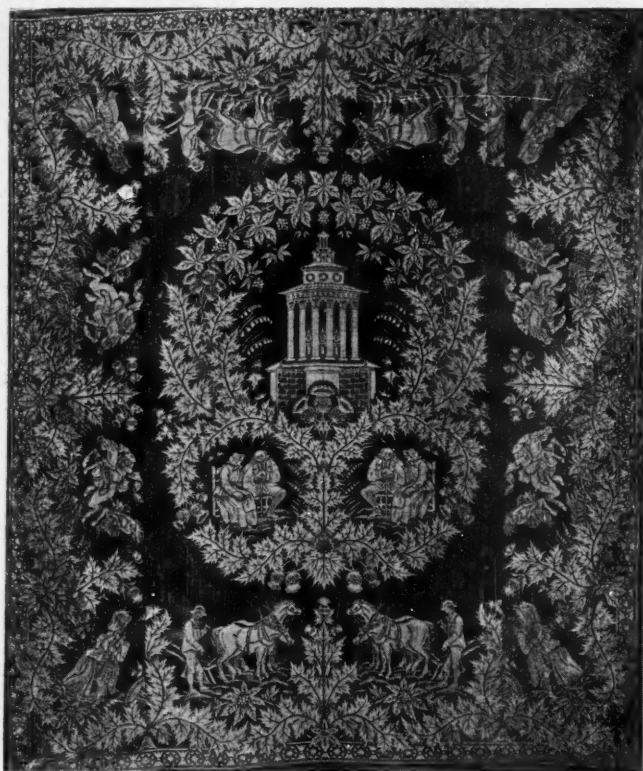
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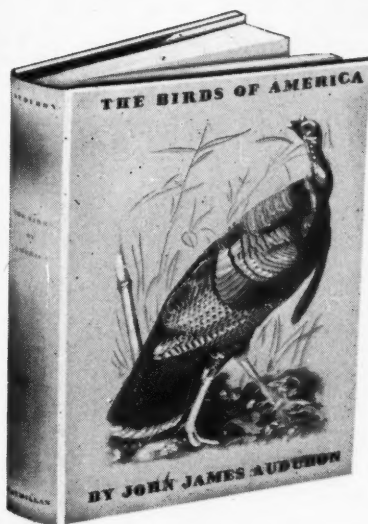
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